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## **CALENDAR**

### **January**

Annual reports made at W. S. C. S. Meeting.  
Pledges and Budgets for year. Pledges reported to District Secretary.  
Installation of officers. Revised Guide provided for each officer.  
Officers' Training Day.

### **February**

World-Wide Day of Prayer for Missions.  
Woman's Jurisdictional Council, Little Rock, Arkansas, February 13-15.  
Executive Committee meeting of the Conference, New Orleans, February 28, March 1.

### **March**

Executive Committee meeting.  
Reports sent to Conference officers and District officers.  
Workshop on Demobilization, sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations, New Orleans, March 2-3.

### **April**

Reports of First Quarter made at W. S. C. S.  
District meetings, Lake Charles, April 25; Baton Rouge, April 26; New Orleans, April 27.

### **May**

District meetings, Ruston, May 2; Shreveport, May 15; Monroe, May 16; Alexandria, May 17.  
Houma Mission Day.

## June

Executive Committee meetings. Reports sent Conference and District officers.

Pastors' School and School for Christian Workers, Centenary College, Shreveport, June 11-15.

Scarritt Summer School for Secretaries of Missionary Education (Six weeks' course). June, July.

## July

Study of Conference Minutes in W. S. C. S.

Reports of Second Quarter made at W. S. C. S.

Christian Social Relations Seminar, De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, June 26-July 6.

School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 2-12.

## September

District Educational Seminars.

Executive Committee meeting.

Reports sent Conference and District officers.

## October

Mid-year Conference. Executive Committee meeting, Columbia, Louisiana.

Reports of third quarter made at W. S. C. S.

Week of Prayer

## November

Appointment or Election of nominating Committee for W. S. C. S.

## December

Pledges and offerings paid in full. Election of officers.

Executive Committee meeting.

Annual reports sent Conference and District officers.

## PRAYER SPECIALS

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Unuttered or expressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast."

(James Montgomery)

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Pray that the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana may increase in members, gifts, interest, missionary vision and prayer life.

Pray daily for the Conference workers—Miss Lucille Pierce, Miss Fay Barr, Rev. Harold Hine and Miss Eva Crenshaw.

Pray daily for the workers at McDonnell School, St. Marks Community Center, Business Girls' Inn and Sager-Brown Home.

Pray for our men who have gone forth to serve their country and the cause of freedom.

Pray that God may shield them from danger and keep them strong and steadfast.

Pray for safety, courage and wisdom for missionaries throughout the world.

Pray daily for the "Crusade for Christ," and include its five objectives: a new world order, world reconstruction and rehabilitation, evangelism, stewardship, and an increased church school enrollment and attendance.

Pray definitely that the youth of our very own individual churches will respond to the urgent call of the Church, giving their lives for Christian service at home and abroad.

Pray that the Church may assume its part in meeting both the spiritual and economic needs of returning service personnel when the demobilization of the armed forces takes place.

Pray that all Christians will do their duty as world citizens while the peace is in the making, by expressing their convictions and mobilizing Christian sentiment so that the voice of the Church will be heard and its influence felt.

Pray that during these days of trial, suffering and anxiety that the women of the Church may learn to live by the great and eternal principles which govern spiritual life, and that they may achieve serenity, poise, confidence, strength of soul, gladness of heart, and tranquility and peace of mind.

### **ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE**

Far, far away, like bells of evening pealing,  
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea,  
And laden souls by thousands, meekly stealing,  
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to Thee.  
Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary;  
The day must dawn, and darksome night be past;  
All journeys end in welcome to the weary,  
And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at Last.

(FREDERICK W. FABER)

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## MEMORIAL ROLL

### Ruston District

### BUDGET FOR 1945

1944 Pledge to Division .....	\$33,300.00
1945 Increase .....	2,200.00
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1945 Pledge to Division .....	35,500.00
Pledge to Conference Cult Fund .....	3,894.00
Total Pledge .....	\$39,394.00
To be divided as follows:	
Alexandria .....	4,050.00
Baton Rouge .....	4,500.00
Lake Charles .....	4,140.00
Monroe .....	5,025.00
New Orleans .....	5,995.00
Ruston .....	5,300.00
Shreveport .....	10,384.00
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**MINUTES EXECUTIVE SESSION OF**  
**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**  
**WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**  
**ARCADIA, LOUISIANA**

**MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13, 1944**

A beautifully appointed dinner, the courtesy of the Arcadia Womans' Society of Christian Service, opened the Executive Session of the Louisiana Conference Womans' Society of Christian Service, at 6:30 p. m., November 13, at the Arcadia Methodist Church. Chrysanthemums in glorious autumn shades were used as decorations. Cleverly hand-painted place-cards, depicting each person's office, marked the places.

Following this delightful dinner the group was graciously invited to the beautiful colonial home of Mrs. Ed. Conger, where the Executive Sessions were held.

Hymn No. 402 opened the meeting, after which Mrs. Lee Tidwell read a portion of the eighth chapter of Romans, and led in a prayer for guidance.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard graciously welcomed the four new members of the Executive Committee: Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Mrs. Lamar Aycock, Mrs. W. S. Row, and Mrs. A. J. Ensminger.

Mrs. Laskey called the roll, and it was deeply regretted that Mrs. McKeithen, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Miller, Miss Grace Lawson, and Mrs. Sexton were unable to attend. Their respective absences were explained.

Mrs. Pollard prefaced the report of her work since Annual Conference by recalling a passage in Luke where the twelve disciples drew apart, and returned to give an account of their work to the Master. She compared this with the Executive Session saying this, too, is a time of withdrawal and a giving account of one's work.

Mrs. Pollard then recounted her many activities and meetings of the year, telling first of the exceptionally fine Jurisdictional Conference in Topeka, Kansas; second, of the General Conference in Kansas City where plans were made for the "Crusade for Christ"; third, of the Jurisdictional Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where the Bishops were elected; fourth, the school of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. Pollard told of the changes in the Louisiana Conference workers, saying that Miss Shiela Nuttall's furlough had been granted, and she is now studying at Scarritt College. She has been replaced by a new rural worker, Miss Eva Crenshaw, who is stationed at Indian Bayou in the Lake Charles District.

Miss Lucille Pierce succeeds Miss Genevieve Reynolds as student secretary in Natchitoches.

The Reverend Harold Hine has replaced Miss Helen Strickland on the campus at Southwestern in Lafayette.



Miss Fay Barr succeeds Miss Florence Jones, who resigned as student secretary at Louisiana Tech in Ruston.

Mrs. Pollard emphasized the importance of all officers familiarizing themselves with the changes in personnel of the Womans' Division. She stated that pictures and write ups concerning the new officers appeared in the September "Methodist Woman."

The treasurer, Mrs. Kilpatrick, passed copies of her excellent report, and the group read with interest the great amount of work done and noted that the total pledge paid to date is \$35,018.66, with an increase in giving along all lines. It was most gratifying to find that supplies are about equally divided between home and foreign work, and that there is a great increase in special memberships. Mrs. Kilpatrick stated that the Cultivation Fund, of thirty-five cents per member, is insufficient to run the expenses of the Conference. She read a letter from the new Division treasurer, Miss Henrietta Gibson, telling of the great needs of the world. She said in conclusion that the Lake Charles and Baton Rouge Districts have the unusual distinction of overpaying their pledges at the end of the third quarter. Mrs. Kilpatrick expressed appreciation to the District secretaries for their help and cooperation.

Mrs. Pollard presented Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, who has the honor of being reelected to the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the next quadrennium. Mrs. Ledbetter told of attending some of the organizational meetings of the Womans' Division, of some of the wonderful plans made to carry on the work now organized, and to enlarge the spheres of activity. She spoke on the finances of the Division, saying that appropriations for the work of the Division are made on the basis of what is paid during the previous year, thus the budget is never exceeded, since only that is spent which is on hand. Mrs. Ledbetter stated that where appropriations are made for foreign work, but where the money is unable to be used at the present it is held inviolate until, in the future, the work reopens. She was happy to announce that out of all the funds collected by the Womans' Division only 3.6 are used for administrative purposes. Mrs. Ledbetter stated that at the Jurisdictional Conference, Louisiana ranked first in per capita giving. She emphasized the importance of the women of the Church becoming interested in the "Crusade for Christ."

Mrs. Pollard stated that she was happy to announce that Louisiana now has a young woman who is a student at Scarrett. She is Miss Lyvonne German of Many, Louisiana, who is a recipient of a Louisiana Conference scholarship, with her expenses paid by the Baton Rouge Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President  
Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secretary.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, 1944**

A Spiritual Life group meeting, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Shaffer, opened the Wednesday morning session.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron chose for the subject of her meditation, "Servants of Divine Foresight." She centered her thoughts about three certainties which every Christian must make a part of his life:

- (1) We must have more Christians and more Christ-like Christians in the world.

(2) We must think in global terms.

(3) We must share in the fellowship of the ecumenical church.

At appropriate moments during the meditation Miss Harriet Taylor of Arcadia, sang "More Like the Master" and "Open My Eyes."

At the conclusion of a period of quiet the group stood while Mrs. Pollard closed with prayer.

The morning Executive Session continued with reports of the officers.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, secretary of Organization and Promotion, reported an increase along all lines of work but stated that the increase is not comparable with the opportunities presented. She reported a total of 253 Societies with 8,198 members and 43 Wesleyan Service Guilds with 632 members.

Mrs. Campbell emphasized the need of more informed women, thus stressing the need of Officers' training days to be planned early in the New Year, with a goal of "An Organization in every Charge." She stated that Shreveport District claims the distinction of having a Society in every charge.

Mrs. Campbell urged Societies to make use of the transfer card so that members might be retained.

Mrs. Pollard requested that the Committee on Organization endeavor to work out some plans to retain membership.

Mrs. Campbell expressed appreciation to the District secretaries for their excellent work, and stated that finances in all Districts are in a splendid condition.

Mrs. Sartor announced plans for the luncheon to be held on Friday, November 17, at 1:00 p. m. at the Caddo Hotel in Shreveport, in honor of Mrs. Paul Martin, wife of Bishop Martin.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Conger, it was voted that each guest pay two dollars for the luncheon, the amount to include all expenses.

Mrs. Pollard told of the reason for Mrs. McKeithen's deeply regretted absence, and the Executive Committee paused for a moment while Mrs. Ensminger led in a prayer for Mrs. McKeithen and her family.

Mrs. Pollard prefaced Mrs. Jones report on Supplies by stating that Louisiana again led the Jurisdiction in Supplies. In giving her excellent report, Mrs. C. I. Jones expressed appreciation for the co-operation of all Societies, and said that the three institutions had merited our support. She told of the splendid response made to the call for emergency clothes for Europe. She stressed the importance of sending reports, and requested that the presidents of Wesleyan Service Guilds send in the names of their Secretary of Supplies. Mrs. Jones pointed out that all Societies should emphasize that the fourth quarter's Supply money will be used to provide money for food for Missionaries in China. Since the minimum food requirement is twelve dollars per day, it was suggested that the goal would be for every society in the Conference to give at least one days food to a Missionary.

Mrs. Jones asked the Societies to note that Scarritt is on our supply list with requests for tablecloths. She suggested that designation of supplies follow requests outlined in quarterly letters.

Mrs. Shaffer reported on Spiritual Life work. She urged that Spiritual Life leaders:

- (1) Plan for the observance of the "Day of Silence," as suggested by Mrs. Prince.
- (2) Cooperate in "Crusade for Christ."

Mrs. Shaffer asked that any good suggestion for Spiritual Life groups, received by Conference Officers, be passed on to Spiritual Life leaders in local churches. She said there were a number of helpful new books available, and that lists would be mailed to Spiritual Life leaders. She stated, also, that programs are available for V-Day and may be ordered from the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Mrs. Sartor reported on the Methodist Youth work, saying that there is some improvement shown although reports are still inadequate. Finances generally show an improvement over 1943.

Mrs. Sartor told of new material available. **Money on the March** explains the channeling of funds; the new program material is entitled **Lights Around the World**. She stated the Interest groups may be reported when special program material is used on fourth Sundays.

A delightful interlude occurred to interrupt the business of the morning when the ladies of the Arcadia Society graciously served refreshments to the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Ledbetter suggested that the District secretaries send to each local Society mimeographed lists of officers to be elected, with blanks to be filled in with names of newly elected officers for 1945, so that Conference Officers may secure names of corresponding officers early in the year.

Mrs. Lamar Aycock, Secretary of Student Work, told of her hesitancy in accepting this work. She stated that she was unable to give a detailed report, but that interest in this phase of work is growing. She urged the necessity of having more local secretaries of Student work, and asked that only those be elected who have a deep personal interest in young people. Mrs. Aycock stated that she plans to have as much personal correspondence as possible with Secretaries of Student work in the local church.

Mrs. Ed. Conger, Secretary of Children's Work, told of her satisfactory contacts with children in the Shreveport District when teaching in the Intermediate camp during the past summer. She stressed again that missionary material for children is written into the literature and has to be used as no other is provided. She stated that the quality of reports has improved due to personal letters to the secretaries of Children's work. About one hundred reports are received each quarter. Emphasis in 1945, Mrs. Conger concluded, will be placed on stimulating interest in study units for parents in the **Christian Home Magazine** and in the **Adult Student**.

Mrs. Conger requested that children be asked to send Christmas presents to children in relocation centers.



Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., Secretary of Literature and Publication, presented an interesting table showing the growth of work comparing figures of 1941 with 1944.

	1941	1944
Number Reporting	93	119
Number secretaries	62	76
Subscriptions to "Methodist Woman"	915	1532
Subscriptions to "World Outlook"	989	1372
Program material used	81	94

She stated that simplified material is being planned and prepared for small Societies, and will soon be available. The program material for 1945 promises to be more interesting than that used in the past.

Discussion ensued, concerning the editing of the Conference page in the "New Orleans Christian Advocate" since frequently no material is sent in for the page.

Mrs. Laskey volunteered to remind the officers when their respective pages were due.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Sartor, it was voted that Mrs. Laskey head the "Advocate Page," sending advance notices to those who are responsible for the material, serving in this capacity until Conference.

It was requested that material for the page be sent Mrs. Laskey, or a note informing her that it had been mailed to the "Advocate," so that copy could be provided for the page.

Mrs. Davidson discussed the advisability of continuing the "Conference News" since such problems have arisen as the advance in the price of printing, the shortage of labor, and scarcity of paper.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Conger, it was voted that the "Conference News" be continued because it stimulates interest and promotes the work, with publication during the year as follows: one-half issue before Conference; one issue following Conference; one issue following Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary, told of the difficulties in having the Conference minutes printed and apologized for the delay in mailing them. She stated that the total cost of printing 1200 copies amounted to \$372.45.

Mrs. Pollard announced the following committees to convene immediately after lunch: Finance—Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Aycock, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Campbell; Constitution and By-laws—Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. Hightower; Organization and Promotion—Mrs. Campbell, and the District Secretaries; Conference Program—Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Sexton, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Sartor.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President  
Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secretary.

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 14, 1944**

Following a delightful luncheon, a courtesy of the Arcadia Society, which effectively carried out an autumn theme with colorful flowers and clever cotton-boll corsages marking the place of each guest, the Executive Committee reassembled for business.

After two hours of Committee meetings the group reassembled for the continuation of business, with Mrs. Laskey opening the meeting with prayer.

Election of delegates to the Jurisdiction was given first consideration.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dameron and a second by Mrs. Davidson, it was voted that all six delegates to the Jurisdiction shall be Conference Officers.

Mrs. Campbell moved and Mrs. Shaffer seconded that all six delegates be elected by office and not by name. The motion carried.

Upon motion by Mrs. Davidson and a second by Mrs. Dameron, it was voted that the previous motion be reconsidered.

It was moved by Mrs. Davidson and seconded by Mrs. Ensminger that in addition to the president, two delegates shall be elected by office and three delegates by name. The motion carried.

Mrs. Pollard appointed the following to serve as tellers: Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Sartor, Mrs. Aycock, and Mrs. Row.

Ballots were distributed and votes cast for the two officers who would be voted on by office; and the tellers retired to count the vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Pomeroy and seconded by Mrs. Jones that telegrams of regret be sent those members of the Executive Committee who were absent. The motion carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Tidwell, it was voted that Mrs. Kilpatrick be instructed to use money from the Cultivation Fund to employ help in closing out the years' work.

Mrs. Ledbetter told of an honor that Shelia Nuttall had received while at Scarritt, namely, a fellowship of the Southern Rural Life Council.

Mrs. Laskey read a resolution signed by a group of ministers from the Lake Charles District commending Shelia Nuttall for her excellent work in that District.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dameron and seconded by Mrs. Campbell, it was voted that the Executive Committee send Miss Nuttall a telegram congratulating her upon the honor received.

The tellers reported that the Secretary of Organization and Promotion had received a majority of the votes cast, and was elected first delegate to the Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Pollard asked the Executive Committee to ratify the election of Mrs. W. S. Row, the new Secretary of the Ruston District. This action was taken.

The name of Mrs. Lonnie Clark was presented for Secretary of the Lake Charles District. She was unanimously elected, and will begin her term of office January 1, 1945.



The tellers reported that no majority was reached on the second ballot, and the Secretary of Missionary Education asked that her name be withdrawn from the ballot. Her request was granted.

Ballots were again cast, and the tellers reported that the Treasurer had received a majority of the votes cast, and was elected second delegate to the Jurisdiction.

Ballots were cast for the three delegates to be elected by name, and the tellers retired to count the vote.

Mrs. G. W. Damron, Secretary of Missionary Education, stated that there has been much interest shown in every District in the study courses. She told of most satisfactory Educational Seminars held in each of the seven Districts during the fall, with hundreds of women attending. She said that a great many texts, supplementary materials, and outlines of the study courses were sold.

Mrs. Dameron discussed the proposed Mission courses to be taught in Pastor's School. Mrs. Bourne had asked that the Conference Society assume the entire expense, including travel for the teacher, with an honorarium of \$40.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilpatrick and a second by Mrs. Jones, it was voted that the Conference Society pay the honorarium for an instructor in missions course in Pastor's School.

It was moved by Mrs. Ledbetter, and seconded by Mrs. Jones that Mrs. Dameron be asked to teach the course on Missions at the Pastor's School. The motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron read the tentative list for recommended study topics for 1945-1946.

It was recommended that Miss Grace Lawson, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild be added to the Conference Committee on Study and Action.

Mrs. Dameron said that Mrs. Bourne had written requesting names of people who are capable of leading in Institutes, or who may become accredited teachers. A list of names was given to Mrs. Dameron.

Mrs. Dameron discussed the possibility of having a returned Missionary visit the Conference as a guest for District and Zone meetings in the Spring. She said that a request should be made early so that plans could be made.

Upon motion of Mrs. Ensminger, and a second by Mrs. Row, it was voted that a request be made for a Missionary to visit the Conference during the Spring, with the District Secretaries working out the itinerary.

Mrs. Ledbetter recommended Miss Amber, if she is available.

There are new report blanks available for these Societies wishing to have study classes for special Jurisdictional recognition. Mrs. Dameron said, in conclusion, that 450 copies of the mimeographed outline for study courses had been sold.

Mrs. Ledbetter told that she had displayed this outline prepared by the Committee on Study and Action at the Womans' Division. It had been highly commended and copies had been requested for other Conferences.

The tellers reported that Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Dameron, and Mrs. Laskey had been elected as delegates to the Jurisdiction.

Ballots were cast for alternates.

The Executive Committee paused for a pleasant interlude while the Arcadia Society served salted nuts, cocoa-colas, and coffee.

Mrs. Row brought a message from Mrs. McDonald, the retiring Secretary of the Ruston District, expressing her love and appreciation for the privilege of serving. Mrs. McDonald asked Mrs. Shaffer to read the poem, "Touch Shoulders With You," as a "love-letter" from her.

Mrs. Pollard asked the Committee to decide what to do with the money left from Mrs. Metcalf's and Mrs. Thatcher's Honorary Life Membership.

Upon motion of Mrs. Shaffer and seconded by Mrs. Laskey, it was voted that Mrs. McKeithern be made an Honorary Life Member.

Mrs. Ledbetter moved and Mrs. Conger seconded that Jimmy Davidson III be made a Baby Life Member. The motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Jones, and seconded by Mrs. Dameron, that Louise Shaffer Dixon be made a Baby Life Member. The motion carried.

The tellers reported the following votes cast for alternates: Mrs. Shaffer 12, Mrs. Conger 12, Mrs. Sartor 10, Mrs. Davidson 8, Mrs. Jones 7, and Mrs. Row 6.

Mrs. Ensminger moved, and it was seconded by Mrs. Laskey, that the entire slate be designated as alternates to serve in order of votes cast with highest first, alternate, etc. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President  
Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secretary.

## **TUESDAY EVENING SESSION, NOVEMBER 14, 1944**

Following a lovely dinner, the Executive Committee reconvened for the continuation of business in Mrs. Conger's home.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. Conger brought greetings from Mrs. Sexton, and it was deeply regretted that she was unable to attend.

Mrs. Pomeroy, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, gave a most interesting account of her work since her election to the office in April, and enumerated some of her extensive plans for the future. She stated that for the first year she had endeavored to learn about the work so that she would be in a position to accomplish much in the future. She has joined such organizations as she considers would benefit the work. She explained the Louisiana Legislative Council and asked the approval of the Executive Committee to join it.

The Louisiana Legislative Council combines the efforts of state organizations such as the P. T. A., The League of Women Voters, Catholic Women's Association, W. C. T. U., Louisiana Federated Women's Clubs, A. A. U. W., etc., and is organized to secure laws to

improve the conditions of citizens, or institutions, and to further laws contributing to the social progress of the state.

Mrs. Pomeroy assured the group that working with such a worthy organization would be more beneficial than working alone for a piece of legislation.

Upon motion of Mrs. Davidson and a second by Mrs. Ledbetter, it was voted that the Womans' Society of Christian Service join the Louisiana Legislative Council.

Mrs. Pomeroy and Mrs. Davidson were elected as delegates to the Louisiana Legislative Council, while Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Frank Keen were elected to serve as alternates. Mrs. Pollard was elected as observer.

Mrs. Pomeroy discussed the proposed legislation on alcohol, and the attempt to get the bill through the last legislature. It was suggested that a different approach be used when it is next submitted, since there is already a law to teach alcohol education in the schools.

Mrs. Pomeroy told of her proposed plan of setting up a Christian Social Relations Committee of well informed and influential people who would assist in planning a program and sharing the responsibility of promoting and expanding the work.

Outstanding work has been done on the program for the "Workshop on Demobilization" that is sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations, and will be among the few held in the United States. The "Workshop on Demobilization" meeting will be held at the Y. W. C. A. in New Orleans on March 2, 3 in 1945 and will be interdenominational and interracial. Mrs. Pomeroy discussed a tentative program with outstanding speakers who are specialists in their respective fields. She plans, at the present, to center the discussion about four main topics:

1. The church's ministry to the family.
2. Full employment.
3. Group tension and Democracy.
4. Education and returning service personnel.

Upon motion of Mrs. Ledbetter and a second by Mrs. Conger, it was voted that the Executive Committee endorse the program as outlined for the Workshop, as presented by Mrs. Pomeroy.

Mrs. Pomeroy enumerated the items that made up her budget of \$300, and listed her expenditures.

An outstanding honor has been conferred upon Mrs. Pomeroy. She has been elected as a member of a resource committee of the Christian Social Relations Committee of the Woman's Division to meet at Buckhill Falls, Penn. She goes as a representative from the South Central Jurisdiction, with all expenses paid, and will lead in a discussion group.

Mrs. Ledbetter reported on the Constitution and By-law Committee, submitting the proposed changes. (See minutes.)

Mrs. Tisdale, Secretary of the Committee on Organization and Promotion, read the following recommendations which were adopted as read:



(1) That an Officers' Training Day be held in each District early in 1945, giving special emphasis to the work of the various committees and using available Conference Officers, or resource persons; an offering to be taken at each meeting to defray expenses of such officers.

(2) That a membership campaign be launched during the first quarter in connection with the "Crusade for Christ," urging all Methodist women to identify themselves with the Womans' Society of Christian Service, or the Wesleyan Service Guild.

(3) That a ten per cent increase in membership be our goal.

(4) That each local Society use a planned visitation, reaching each Methodist woman not a member of a local Society.

(5) That wherever there are as many as six employed women in a local church, the Womans' Society of Christian Service be responsible for organizing a Wesleyan Service Guild in that Church.

(6) That "a Society in every charge" be kept as a goal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Chairman  
Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary.

Mrs. Laskey read an excellent report of the Wesleyan Service Guild from Miss Grace Lawson. Miss Lawson noted increases along all lines, and stated that the highlights of the years work were:

(1) The Tri-District Meeting at Ruston with Mrs. Ledbetter as speaker.

(2) A District Meeting in Lake Charles with Miss Julia Reid as speaker.

(3) The eight meetings which were held while Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin was the guest of the Guild.

The evening meeting was concluded with a report from Mrs. Ira Campbell, Chairman of Status of Women. She enumerated some of the vast new fields of service open to women by the modern church, and challenged them to assume these duties. She listed the key women from each district who are to promote the work.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President  
Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secretary.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15, 1944**

The morning worship was conducted by Mrs. E. A. Sartor, using the day's meditation from the Upper Room. It was concluded by the group singing in unison "Mid all the Traffic of the Ways."

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee were read by the secretary, Mrs. Aycock, and after discussion, were adopted as follows:

(1) That the treasurer be instructed to secure Fleet insurance policy rates on rural workers car, and empower her to take necessary steps toward securing the best policy.

(2) That the treasurer be granted authority to purchase booklets, "Handbooks on Finance," to be given to local treasurers free of charge.

(3) That if Special Memberships are given at Conference that the treasurer be authorized to have mimeographed forms available to record the information, expenses to be taken from cultivation funds.

(4) That District Secretaries contact immediately all local Societies urging that the Cultivation Fund be sent in to the Conference Treasurer.

(5) That the Conference Cultivation Fund be raised to forty cents per member, and in the future, urge local treasurers to send in ten cents per member.

(6) That the Conference Pledge be raised \$2,200, and of that amount twelve one hundred dollar shares be set aside for an expansion program.

(7) That the Conference Pledge to the Division be \$35,500 with \$4,344 for the Cultivation Fund, making a total of \$39,844.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Chairman  
Mrs. Lamar C. Aycock, Secretary  
Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy  
Mrs. C. C. Hightower  
Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter  
Mrs. C. I. Jones.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Hightower it was voted that the Committee accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee of raising the Conference Pledge \$2,200, but empower the Jurisdictional Delegates to adjust the finances as they see fit at the Jurisdictional Conference.

The salaries of the Louisiana Conference workers and the teachers in McDonell School were discussed. The concensus was that they should receive pay comparable to salaried workers holding secular positions.

It was moved by Mrs. Conger and seconded by Mrs. Campbell, that Miss Eva Crenshaw's salary be raised to \$100 per month. The motion carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Kilpatrick, it was voted to empower Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Pollard to work out with Miss Ella Hooper some satisfactory arrangement concerning salaries of workers at MacDowell School, in turn to communicate with the Womans' Division, and endeavor to have the salary of these workers raised.

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved, and Mrs. Ensminger seconded, that each teacher at McDonell school be paid a bonus at the end of the year, the amount to be as much as five dollars each, but not to exceed ten dollars. The motion carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Aycock, it was voted that the Finance Committee study the whole problem of salaries between now and the next Conference, discuss the problem with the Womans' Division, and work out some method of increasing salaries.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilpatrick and second by Mrs. Davidson, it was voted that if possible to raise the salary of the Student worker at Lafayette to one hundred dollars per month.

Mrs. Laskey moved and Mrs. Dameron seconded that the committee refer decision concerning taking delegates to Mt. Sequoyah to the



Finance Committee, action to be taken at the Conference in Baton Rouge. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hightower moved and Mrs. Dameron seconded, that the Executive Committee go on record as requesting the Womans' Division to expand the program of work to include a Bethlehem Center for New Orleans, and to recommend that the \$1200 of the increased pledge, be allocated for this expansion program, and be used to pay a worker at this center. The motion carried.

Recommendations of the Committee on Conference Planning were read by Mrs. Davidson, the secretary, and after discussion, were adopted:

- (1) That the dates for Conference be April 3, 4, and 5, 1945.
- (2) That speakers for Conference be selected from the following:  
a. Bishop Paul M. Martin; b. Miss Dorothy McConnell; c. Dr. Hugh Stuntz.
- (3) That Dr. Fred S. Gealy be asked to lead the "quiet hour" each day, and that he give an address on Japan.
- (4) That Mrs. W. B. Landrum be invited to be the Jurisdiction guest.
- (5) That the theme of the Conference be one of the following:  
a. "Serving with Divine Foresight"; b. "In Terms of His Purpose."
- (6) That planning committees be conducted as in the past.
- (7) That a Crusade Dinner be held on the evening of Conference, with Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. as toastmistress.
- (8) That a sacrificial supper be held.
- (9) That the Memorial Service be led by Mrs. Conger.
- (10) That an Officer's Hour be conducted, with Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter as chairman.
- (11) That there be a findings committee for recommendations, with Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, chairman.
- (12) That the student work be presented by only one of the workers. It is suggested that Miss Fay Barr be this speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman  
Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Secretary  
Mrs. Ed. Conger.  
Mrs. Glenn Laskey  
Mrs. E. A. Sartor  
Mrs. Clarence Shaffer  
Mrs. S. J. Fairchild.

It was moved by Mrs. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Row that the setting of the dates for Conference be left with Mrs. Pollard and the Committee. The motion carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Davidson and a second by Mrs. Laskey. it was voted that Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Jones serve on the Conference Deaconess Board.

The following members were elected to serve on the Commission on Town and Country work: Miss Eva Crenshaw, Mrs. Ira Campbell, and Mrs. Ed. Conger.

Interesting accounts of the Student work at the three state schools were given.

Mrs. Pollard told of the work at Natchitoches, Mrs. Davidson discussed the work at Lafayette, and Mrs. Laskey reported on the work at Ruston.

Mrs. Ensminger, Secretary of the Monroe District, extended a gracious invitation from the Columbia-Grayson Societies to the Executive Committee to be their guests for the mid-year meeting in 1945.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the invitation and instructed Mrs. Ensminger to accept it with pleasure.

Mrs. Laskey expressed the appreciation of the Committee for the gracious hospitality, charming courtesies, and many thoughtful kindnesses extended by Mrs. Conger and the members of the Arcadia Womans' Society of Christian Service. The Executive Committee gave a rising vote of thanks to their hostess for her graciousness in extending the comfort of her beautiful home for the business sessions.

With linked hands, the group stood while sentence prayers were given, following which the meeting adjourned.

A final courtesy of the Arcadia Society was a beautiful buffet luncheon, held in Mrs. Conger's home, to which members of the Arcadia Society were invited to meet the Executive Committee.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Secretary.

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMANS'**  
**SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**  
**NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

**FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 1, 1945**

Historic and beautiful Rayne Memorial Church, on St. Charles Avenue, in New Orleans, was the setting for the war-time emergency Executive Committee meeting on February 28, March 1, 1945. Since the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was cancelled due to war-time government restrictions and regulations, it was necessary for the Executive Committee to convene to attend to important business, normally transacted at the Spring meeting. The cordial hospitality of the hostess Society, the glorious beauty of New Orleans' azaleas, and lovely spring weather all contributed toward making the guests welcome and the meeting a success.

Mrs. Pollard welcomed the committee, and opened the evening meeting by the group singing, "Lead On, O King Eternal," following which she led a responsive reading from the Methodist Hymnal.

In accordance with a request from the Jurisdiction, Mrs. Pollard asked that the women pray definitely for:

1. Crusade for Christ
2. Christian Peace
3. More workers for home and foreign service.

Prayers directed for these objectives were given by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McKeithen and Mrs. Aycok.

Mrs. Pollard, and the Executive Committee welcomed Mrs. Lonnie Clark, the new District Secretary of the Lake Charles District, who succeeds Mrs. John Miller.

Mrs. Laskey called the roll, and it was regretted that Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Chapman were unable to attend.

Mrs. Pomeroy gave a refreshing and stimulating account of the meeting of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities held at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. She serves for the quadrennium on the Standing Committee of Local Church and Community Cooperation. She told of her delightful surroundings, the enriching experiences, the inspirational meetings, and her many contacts with workers from all fields.

She stated that the emphasis in Christian Social Relations during the coming year is to be placed on "Family Living", and returning service personnel. She further urged the study of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, as a pattern for a new world order.

Mrs. Pomeroy spoke on the thrilling report given by Mrs. Mills on "World Federation," when she gave an account of the activities of workers all over the world, and told of the urgent need for the enlistment of youth for full-time Christian service. Mrs. Pomeroy concluded her report by expressing appreciation for the privilege of attending the meeting.

In an interesting manner, Mrs. C. I. Jones gave an account of the Jurisdictional meeting which she had recently attended in Little Rock, Arkansas. She is a member of the Standing Committee on nominations. She gave a resume of the Jurisdictional officers' reports, and a summary of Bishop Paul Martins' stimulating address. Emphasis was placed upon the following requests:

1. Mrs. Prince asked that all Methodist women pause for a period of prayer each morning at 9:00 o'clock.
2. Dr. Mary Shaunon suggested that each Conference in the Jurisdiction support a missionary.
3. All officers stressed the desperate need for enlisting young people in fields of service for the church.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard continued the report of the Jurisdiction. She told of the outstanding achievements that the Louisiana Conference has received in finance, supplies and special memberships.

The Conference overpaid its pledge of \$33,300 by 37%, having sent in \$45,787.96. The Conference ranked first in per capita giving in the Jurisdiction with \$5.78 given, while the Jurisdiction stood at \$2.76.

The Supply Department, of which Mrs. C. I. Jones is secretary, has led in the Jurisdiction for the last quadrennium in per capita giving, and total amount of funds given. In 1944, the Louisiana Conference ranked first in gifts to foreign supplies, second in gifts to home supplies, and first in total amount given, sending in \$8,534.69.

The goal of an average of one special membership for each Society in the Louisiana Conference was far exceeded, with 252 societies giving 462 Special Memberships, amounting to \$8,880.00 sent the Conference treasurer.



Mrs. Pollard listed the new Jurisdictional officers, and stated that she had been placed on the nominating committee, and Mrs. G. W. Dameron on the Status of Women Committee.

Mrs. Pollard told the committee of the special honor conferred upon her by a former teacher, Miss Lillie Fox, who is a missionary to Mexico. Miss Fox has made Mrs. Pollard a special member of the Mexican Conference.

Mrs. J. J. McKeithen presented her resignation as Conference vice-president, and it was regretfully accepted by the Executive Committee. Mrs. Pollard paid tribute to the exceptionally fine work she has done, and expressed regret over her resignation. Mrs. Pollard asked the District secretaries to serve on the Research Committee to submit names for the office of vice-president.

Mrs. McKeithen spoke of the happiness she had had in serving as vice-president, and stated that it was with sorrow that she resigned her office. She graciously thanked members of the Executive Committee for having honored her with an Honorary Life Membership.

Mrs. Hightower made announcements concerning the meeting the following day.

Session closed with a prayer by Mrs. Pollard.

### MORNING SESSION

The Executive Committee convened at 9:30 Thursday morning, in the parlors of Rayne Memorial Church. Mrs. Klenn Laskey was in charge of the worship service and opened the meeting by the group singing, "I Want a Principle Within." Mrs. Laskey choose as her subject "The World Within Us," and spoke on the beauty of cultivating qualities of the spirit within us, so that these qualities will be transformed into positive action in the world about us. The devotional period was closed with prayers by the group.

Mrs. Pollard presented Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Jurisdictional president, who gave in her gracious manner, an interesting account of the various meetings she had attended during the past year, i. e., General Conference, Federal Council of Churches of America, and Woman's Division. She was stimulated and encouraged, she said, by the courageous planning for the post-war world in Missions. Running like a recurrent theme throughout the meetings was the appeal for work with young people, and the urgent necessity of finding missionary personnel. The Foreign Department of the Board of Missions needs 283 new workers in the next four years to hold the present status. Bishop Arthur J. Moore said that 500 workers are needed in the Home field. It is urged that each Methodist woman must make a definite personal appeal to young people and acquaint them with the types of service offered by the church, with opportunities open all over the world.

Mrs. Sexton concluded her talk by telling of the reports given by Home and Foreign Workers, needs of the "Crusade for Christ," and an earnest plea from the Woman's Division for all churches to concern themselves about the growing racial problem.

Mrs. Pollard spoke of her activities, and told of her speaking tour" in behalf of the "Crusade for Christ." She gave a summary of Rural Work, Student Work, and told of McDonnell School stating that:

Miss Eva Crenshaw is doing exceptionally fine rural work;



Miss Lucille Pearce was consecrated a deaconess at Buck Hill Falls, and is doing exceptionally good work at Natchitoches;

Rev. Harold Hine will remain at Lafayette until September, when he will be replaced by a regular student worker;

Miss Fay Barr is doing splendid work in Ruston;

McDonnell School continues in a fine way, although Miss Ella Hooper is handicapped because of lack of workers. Increasing the salaries of workers was discussed, and will be referred further to Miss Gibson, treasurer of the Woman's Division.

In the absence of Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Tidwell gave her report, passing mimeographed copies to each member. The Louisiana Conference shows financial gains along all lines, having overpaid the pledge, increased the amount of both Home and Foreign Supplies, and shown a large increase in Special Memberships. It is regretted, however, that the returns from the Week of Prayer are disappointing.

Th Districts overpaid their pledges as follows:

Alexandria	\$ 278.40
Baton Rouge	1,486.10
Lake Charles	1,253.99
Monroe	1,276.57
New Orleans	983.31
Ruston	870.33
Shreveport	2,343.63

The pledge to the Woman's Division has been increased from \$33,000.00 in 1944 to \$35,500 for 1945.

Discussion ensued concerning the Cultivation fund. It was moved by Mrs. Campbell, and seconded by Mrs. Tidwell, that we rescind the action taken at Arcadia to increase the Cultivation fund to 40c. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sexton suggested that the Cultivation fund be left at 35c per member, then at mid-year meeting if more is needed, to vote an emergency fund.

Since no annual Conference will be held in 1945, discussion ensued as to the advisability of publishing the Conference Minutes.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Dameron, it was voted that the Conference Minutes should be published as in the previous years, but the form and content be left to the Recording Secretary.

It was voted that Mrs. Laskey continue to serve as head of the Advocate page, with the Conference officers continuing to edit the page at specified intervals.

A delightful interlude occurred in the mornings' work, when Mrs. Middleton, president of the Rayne Memorial W. S. C. S. graciously served coffee to the committee.

At this point Mrs. McKeithen arose to ask the privilege of announcing that Mrs. C. I. Jones had just made her mother, Mrs. Grievish, an Honoray Life Member.

Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell, and a second by Mrs. Ensminger, it was voted that mimeographed copies of the Findings be sent out immediately upon their completion, to all Districts, so that they would be available for District Meetings.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell displayed a financial and statistical chart depicting the Conference work for 1944, and gave an interesting account of her years' work.

A grave decrease in members was noted, a loss of 560 for the year. The following practical suggestions were made for regaining old members and adding new ones:

1. Strive to organize a Woman's Society on every charge.
2. Make use of the transfer card.
3. Urge all societies to have a membership drive.
4. Set a definite goal of a 10% increase in membership, this increase to be worked out into definite figures for zones and districts.
5. Urge former members who are now employed to join the Wesleyan Service Guild.
6. Continue to organize Wesleyan Service Guilds where there are as many as six employed women.
7. Organize wives of Service Men's Circles.

Mrs. Pollard discussed the proposed District organization, explaining that almost all the Conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction have completed full District organizations. She gave reasons both for and against such an organization, saying that it made for more machinery of organization, and it would take time and effort to get it to functioning; on the other hand, she explained it was an excellent training ground for potential leaders, and would make for more coordination between the Conference officers and the District. It will be of inestimable value in helping the over burdened Conference treasurer.

Mrs. Campbell read the duties and responsibilities of the District officers from the Journal of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Pollard asked the committee to discuss this proposed organization during the lunch hour, and come back prepared to vote.

The following committees were appointed:

Findings—Mrs. McKeithen, Mrs. Sartor, Mrs. Jones, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Laskey, and Mrs. Aycock.

District Meetings—Mrs. Campbell and the District secretaries; Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Pomeroy, and Mrs. Sexton.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

Beautiful arrangements of spring flowers adorned the tables for the lovely luncheon, the courtesy of the Rayne Memorial Woman's Society. Special guests were Mrs. Middleton, the president of the Society, and the pastor-host and hostess, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Johns.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Following committee meetings, the group reassembled at 2:15 to continue the business session.

Mrs. Pollard asked Mrs. Tidwell and Mrs. Row to serve as tellers, and called for the report of the Research Committee.

Mrs. Campbell, as chairman of the Research Committee, presented the names of Mrs. S. J. Fairchild and Mrs. E. M. Jackson to be voted upon for vice-president. Nominations were called for from the floor. No names were presented, ballots were cast, and the tellers retired to count the vote.

Discussion continued about the advisability of organizing the Districts. Mrs. Dameron moved and Mrs. Pomeroy seconded the motion that the Districts be organized according to the Constitution and By-laws of the Woman's Division. Motion carried.

The tellers reported that Mrs. Fairchild had received a majority of the votes cast, and was elected to the office of vice-president.

Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell, and a second by Mrs. Laskey, it was voted that the District president and the District secretary both be included as members of the Executive Committee.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Ensminger, it was voted that the present District secretary appoint a research committee for officers of the District, with the District secretary serving as ex-officio member of this committee.

Before hearing the report of the committee on District Meetings, Mrs. Pollard requested that much care and preparation should be given to these meetings, so that they will be as much like Conference as possible. They should be impressive, informative, and inspirational.

Mrs. Tidwell as secretary of the Committee reported on the proposed plan for District Meetings—Time: April 10-20. Itinerary: April 10, Shreveport; April 11, Ruston; April 12, Monroe; April 13, Alexandria; April 17, New Orleans; April 18, Baton Rouge; April 20, Lake Charles. Program: Worship; Explanation of District Organization, Mrs. Pollard; Election of Officers; Panel, Five Conference Officers; Quiet Hour; Inspirational Speaker; Dismissal.

Teams of Conference Officers to serve on the panel are: South, Mrs. Sartor, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Campbell; Northwest, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Laskey; Northeast, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Davidson, and Mrs. Conger.

It was suggested that during the luncheon hour an inspirational program be planned and a sacrificial offering taken. Mrs. Sexton gave helpful suggestions in regard to the manner of taking the offering.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Row it was voted that the Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life plan an appropriate inspirational meeting for the luncheon hour, assisted by the Spiritual Life Key-woman.

It was moved by Mrs. Pomeroy and seconded by Mrs. Jones that Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Campbell write each local society giving plans for the District organizations and an outline of proposed program for meetings. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Sexton and a second by Mrs. Row, it was voted that in the first election of officers for the District that terms be staggered by electing the president for four years, the vice-president for two years and so on down the roster.

Mrs. Pollard urged the research committees to exercise great care in selecting capable women for the office of District treasurer, and suggested wherever possible to select women with business training for the office.

Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell and a second by Mrs. Jones, it was voted that funds be provided to pay the expenses of the newly elected District treasurers to take them to some centrally located point where training would be given them by Mrs. Kilpatrick, the Conference treasurer.



It was moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Dameron that uniform treasurers books be bought for the new District treasurers. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pollard asked Mrs. Sexton to serve as chairman of the committee to work out cultivation funds for the Districts.

It was moved by Mrs. Sexton, and seconded by Mrs. Jones that cultivation in the Districts be done with the funds formally allocated to the District secretaries and Conference officers. Motion carried.

Reports of officers followed.

Mrs. E. A. Sartor spoke of the awakening interest in youth work. It was suggested that she write leaders of youth camps, in order to help coordinate the work and to bring about closer contacts in youth work. Mrs. Sartor presented the recommendations for her work, and after discussion they were adopted.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy reported on Christian Social Relations. She displayed the New Handbook and the list of activities suggested for 1945. She explained that special emphasis is to be placed for the coming year on "Family Living," and upon "Returning Service Personnel." In connection with the latter topic she suggested that the group read a story about returning servicemen in the March issue of the "Ladies Home Journal." Mrs. Pomeroy stressed the importance of studying the "Dumbarton Oaks" proposals. She especially recommended the article by Bishop Oxnam in the March issue of the "Methodist Woman."

Mrs. Pomeroy presented plans for the "Workshop," and explained that a Workshop is where you offer opportunities for thinking together with highly trained speakers on pertinent subjects. She stated that the program and the meeting was an experiment in group and interracial planning. She presented the interesting program.

Mrs. Pomeroy read the recommendations from her department, and after discussion they were adopted, with the privilege allowed her of adding others if necessary.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

Lovely Camellias were used for decorations when Mrs. C. I. Jones and Mrs. C. C. Hightower graciously entertained the Executive Committee at a beautifully appointed buffet supper in Mrs. Jones spacious home. Following this delightful courtesy the committee held its final session in the comfort of Mrs. Jones' home, opening the meeting with prayer by Mrs. Sexton.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron reported on Missionary Education. She asked that more societies strive to have special Jurisdictional Classes, as Louisiana is far short of the number reported in many other conferences. She urged that every society should make possible for its secretary of Missionary Education, or her substitute, to attend the Pastors' school and Conference for Christian Workers, Centenary College, Shreveport, June 11-15 to take the new study course on "The Church among Uprooted Americans." Mrs. Dameron read her recommendations, and after discussion they were adopted.

Subsidies for the following secretaries are to be provided for the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah July 2-12, and they are:



Christian Social Relations  
Missionary Education and Service  
Children's Work  
Student's Work

and the Conference President.

Miss Grace Lawson expressed thanks and appreciation for the cordial manner in which the Societies had assisted in entertaining Miss Mable Ruth Nowlin during the past fall. Miss Lawson stated regretfully that the Guilds' felt that they did not share in the work of the Organization or in the District Work.

Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell and a second by Mrs. Dameron, it was voted that the Guild presidents be added to the mailing list of the Conference Officers.

It was suggested that since successful Guild meetings were held during the summer of 1944, some similar plan be worked out by Miss Lawson for holding meetings during the summer of 1945. At these meetings the District Wesleyan Service Guild officers would be elected. Miss Lawson read the recommendations, and after discussion were adopted.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock discussed some of the plans for the Student Work, and some of her aims and objectives. She stated that her first quarter letter had full instructions for carrying on the work. The recommendations were read and after discussion adopted.

In Mrs. Conger's absence, Mrs. Laskey read the recommendations for Children's Work and they were adopted, but are to be sent to Mrs. Conger for revision or any additions necessary.

Mrs. C. I. Jones expressed sincere appreciation to the Women of Louisiana for the wonderful response made to the appeal for supplies. She urged that Societies participate only in overseas relief that goes through the regular channels of the Woman's Division. She read the recommendations from the Department of Supplies, and after discussion they were adopted.

In the absence of Mrs. Clarence Shaffer, Mrs. Jones read the recommendations for Spiritual Life. It was requested that Evangelism be stressed during the year, as one of the phases of the "Crusade for Christ." After discussion the recommendations were adopted, with the privilege of allowing Mrs. Shaffer to revise, or add to where necessary.

Plans for those attending Mt. Sequoyah were discussed.

Upon motion of Mrs. Tidwell and a second by Mrs. McKeithen it was voted that the Conference car be taken.

It was moved by Mrs. Ensminger and seconded by Mrs. Laskey that those persons having subsidies fill the first car. Motion was carried. Those persons are: Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Conger, Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. Aycock.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Sartor it was voted that if possible a second car be provided. Those selected to fill the second car: Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Row, Mrs. Clark, Miss Lawson, and the New Secretary of the Baton Rouge District.

Upon motion of Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Fairchild it was voted that the five women who are to receive subsidies be allowed to choose their substitutes.

The following alternates were elected in the order named: Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Fairchild, new secretary of Alexandria District, Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Tidwell, Mrs. Ensminger.

The summer school at Scarritt College was discussed and it was stated that five scholarships are to be given in this Jurisdiction by the Woman's Division for a six weeks course of study, with the Conference paying transportation expenses.

Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Dameron were granted the privilege of submitting the name of someone from the Louisiana Conference for this scholarship.

Mrs. Pollard told of the annual Christian Social Relations Seminar to be held at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, June 26-July 6. She said that a subsidy of \$50.00 is to be allocated to each Jurisdiction. It was voted that Mrs. Pomeroy's name be submitted from this Conference, and if she did not receive the subsidy, that the Conference would pay her expenses.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard and Mrs. D. M. Campbell were elected to serve as representatives on the Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country.

Mrs. Pollard read excerpts from a letter telling of five Methodist Louisiana boys who are, and have been, in a camp for Conscientious Objectors. Expenses incurred amount to \$1,157.00, and while in camp the Quakers and Mennonites have been caring for them. These boys have exercised their right to freedom of conscience and are in these camps due to teachings received from the church. The wives and children of these men should be of special concern to the Woman's Society, Mrs. Pollard said.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Laskey, it was voted that one hundred dollars from the funds allocated to the Christian Social Relations Department be given to help pay the expenses of these conscientious objectors.

Miss Lawson nominated Mrs. A. J. Ensminger, Mrs. Hugh Hoff, and Mrs. Lee Tidwell, who in turn were duly elected to serve at large from the Woman's Society on the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee.

Mrs. Hightower moved and Mrs. Dameron seconded that all chairmen of standing committees be reelected. Motion carried.

In the absence of Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Campbell with the aid of the District secretaries, allocated the pledge to the Districts as follows:

Pledge to Woman's Division .....	\$35,500.00
Cultivation .....	3,051.65
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$38,551.65</b>
Alexandria District .....	\$ 4,050.00
Baton Rouge District .....	4,500.00
Lake Charles District .....	4,140.00
Monroe District .....	5,025.00
New Orleans District .....	5,995.00
Ruston District .....	5,300.00
Shreveport District .....	10,384.00

Mrs. Campbell moved, and it was seconded by Mrs. Sexton that the financial goal, of all monies sent to the Woman's Division in 1945, be set at \$70,000.00. Motion carried.

In the absence of Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Laskey read the recommendations of Literature and Publications, and after discussion were adopted with the privilege accorded Mrs. Davidson to make revisions and additions if necessary.

The minutes were approved without reading.

Mrs. Pollard concluded the meeting by urging all Conference Officers to see that their reports are sent to the Jurisdictional officers on time.

Mrs. Pollard dismissed the group with prayer, following which the Executive Committee meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Mrs. John B. Pollard**

Missionary women throughout Louisiana were disappointed, as were the members of the executive body, that the Annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which was scheduled to be held in Baton Rouge in April could not take place. It was not within our power to control conditions which prevented the holding of this Conference Session, so we have tried to take things as they have come.

We were not long in realizing that the next best way to promote the work was through the District Meetings. Special emphasis was given to these meetings and a team of Conference Officers visited each District holding helpful and instructive forums. Two members of the Woman's Division, Mrs. J. M. Mills and Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, added much with their presence and inspirational messages.

The financial report of the Conference Society given at the District Meetings was most encouraging. It revealed that the Louisiana Conference had overpaid its pledge for 1944, 37%, and that this Conference held first place in the South Central Jurisdiction in per capita giving,

While this was a good record, it in no way means we have done our best. One thing that war has taught us if nothing else, is that war is costly. Peace also is costly—building a Christian world is also costly. The time has come when we must ask ourselves "do we really want a new world order badly enough that we are willing to pay for it."

Plans for the post-war world are now uppermost in the minds of Christian people, and are of deep concern to Methodist women. We know that a just and lasting peace based on Christian principles is the foundation step toward the reconstruction of the world, and the Church must lead.

If the Church is to lead the world "down the paths of peace to a worthy brotherhood," Christian women must not hesitate to express their convictions at this time and help mobilize Christian sentiment while the peace is in the making and a new world order is being born. The voice of the Church must speak out boldly and unafraid and its influence must be felt.

My friends, we have tremendous responsibilities as Christians today! Someone has well said, "this is both a dangerous and promising time." Dangerous because of the unprecedented evil forces let loose on our world and promising because the Church has its greatest opportunity. No wonder Dr. Fosdick has entitled his new book "A Great Time To Be Alive!"



Because of the responsibility that is ours in every Department of work, the Conference Executive Committee voted that the time had come for fully organized districts. As the District Meetings were held, a complete set of officers was elected. We feel that the district organizations is a forward step in the work of this Conference and will mean much to the future of our work.

It would be difficult to estimate what it would mean to the work of this Conference to have all the women of Louisiana with open minds, dedicated possessions and Christian zeal, united in one mighty effort to make Christ and His Way known throughout the world. Let us make this our goal for 1945.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1944

Much thought and prayer went into the selection of the theme for the 1944 Conference meeting of W. S. C. S. "Today's Challenge for Tomorrow's Needs." No one could foresee that world conditions would prevent the holding of the 1945 Conference yet how timely such a theme has been through the months of 1944 and on into 1945! Because of the necessity of space saving in this shortened issue of Conference minutes, we have been asked to omit many of the features we have been accustomed to print here. You will not find the list of Special Memberships (467 in all) but the names will be put into the permanent Membership Book. No promotional helps will be printed so I call your attention to the fact that in the 1944 Conference minutes on page 37, information was given that is still in order for local Vice-Presidents and should be studied in detail. There are some items that need to be told, however; such as those pertaining to special membership-giving in the Conference. We won second place in the South Central Jurisdiction in memberships in 1944. We gave 467 memberships in 1945 against 360 in 1944. Shreveport District led all other districts in memberships, more than doubling the number they gave the previous year. Greenwood Society in Shreveport District was high honor society for the state. Seven societies were on the honor roll by giving one or more memberships each quarter, namely; First Church, Baton Rouge; Haynesville; Greenwood; Noel Memorial of Shreveport; Park Avenue of Shreveport; Wynn Memorial of Shreveport; and Amite.

Below is an interesting table showing comparisons in giving through Special Memberships for the first four years of our existence as a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

1941—\$2,450.00	170 Memberships
1942— 2,870.00	172 Memberships
1943— 5,440.00	360 Memberships
1944— 8,860.00	467 Memberships

Is not this splendid record truly "Today's Challenge for Tomorrow's Needs"?

We have established a pace in giving through this program. Let us not slacken that pace but continue to add momentum until every society in the Louisiana Conference has a part in it.

With this report my duties as your Conference Vice-President come to an end. It has been a joy to know you and to serve as your Vice-President. May each day you serve your Church bring you closer to the realization of God's love for all mankind.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. J. McKeithen.



## PROMOTION OF WORK BY LOCAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

### Duties:

1. Chairman of Program Committee.
2. Responsible for promoting and securing Special Memberships.
3. Responsible for promotion of World Federation of Methodist Women.

### Materials each Vice-President will find necessary to her work:

1. Revised Guide. (Page 29 and 40 give details of her duty as chairman of program committee.)
2. A copy of the latest Conference Minutes. (Every society is sent by their District Secretary, enough copies for each officers use at no cost to the Society.)
3. Joint subscription to The Methodist Woman and the World Outlook. (Price \$1.50 for combination offer. Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati, Ohio.)
4. Leaflet on Special Memberships. (Free for distribution—Literature Headquarters.)
5. Leaflet on World Federation of Methodist Women. (Price 10c—Literature Headquarters.)
6. Supply of Prayer Cards. (Free for distribution—Literature Headquarters.)
7. Subscription to New Orleans Christian Advocate. (Price \$1.50 for one year's subscription. Order from New Orleans Christian Advocate, 512 Camp St., New Orleans, La. Each week three full pages carry inspiration and information of value to every Woman's Society of Christian Service.)

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### Kinds of Special Memberships Offered by the Woman's Division of Christian Service: (Found in Revised Guide, Page 35.)

1. Honorary Membership for Little Children .....	\$ 5.00
2. Honorary Membership for Primaries and Juniors .....	10.00
3. Honorary Youth Membership .....	15.00
4. Adult Life Membership .....	25.00
5. Honorary Life Membership .....	100.00
6. Honorary Life Patron .....	300.00
7. Memorial Membership .....	50.00

(Send money for membership, name of one to be honored, and by whom given, to Conference Treasurer Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, 1809 Marshall St., Shreveport, La. Your certificate and membership pin will be mailed to you direct from headquarters.)

# REPORT OF TREASURER

## CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

### WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE 1944

#### CASH RECEIPTS:

Received on Pledges—W. S. C. S. ....	\$45,685.22	
Received on Pledges—W. S. G. ....	3,334.37	
Honorary Members .....	4.00	
<b>TOTAL ON PLEDGES .....</b>		<b>\$49,023.59</b>
Student Fund .....	10.00	
M. Y. F. ....	725.06	
Children .....	119.21	
Week of Prayer W. S. C. S. ....	4,486.16	
Week of Prayer W. S. G. ....	154.94	
<b>Total Week of Prayer .....</b>		<b>4,641.10</b>
<b>W. S. C. S. SUPPLIES: HOME</b>		
Houma .....	2,131.60	
St. Marks .....	868.59	
Peck Hall .....	32.00	
Sager Brown .....	78.00	
Scarrett .....	34.25	
Dulac Indians .....	7.00	
Inn .....	12.00	
Musical Instruments—Houma .....	50.45	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>3,213.89</b>
<b>W. S. C. S. SUPPLIES FOR:</b>		
Literacy Program .....	69.65	
China .....	2,525.05	
Foreign .....	154.42	
India .....	750.67	
Sacrificial Sup. ....	673.83	
Africa .....	26.00	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>4,199.62</b>
<b>W. S. G. SUPPLIES, Home:</b>		
Houma .....	88.31	
Int. Journal .....	1.25	
St. Marks .....	20.00	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>109.56</b>
<b>W. S. G. SUPPLIES, Foreign:</b>		
Literature .....	5.00	
China .....	126.35	
Foreign .....	15.00	
Mexico .....	1.00	
India .....	10.00	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>157.35</b>
<b>(Total Supplies sent to Div. \$7,680.42)</b>		
<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$13,175.79</b>

Musical Instrument, Houma	11.50	
Christmas Money, Houma	74.25	
Collection, Crowley	111.03	
Cult. W. S. C. S.	601.30	
Cult. W. S. G.	61.28	
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Total	662.58	
Refunds on Conf. Expense	251.00	
Coll. on Ed. Seminar	249.82	
Miscellaneous	8.49	
Passage Money	91.40	
Checks redeposited	46.50	
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	1,506.57	
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1944		\$63,705.95
Cash in bank January 10, 1944		2,987.48
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TOTAL CASH		\$66,693.43

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

### WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE 1944

#### CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Pledges paid to Woman's Division of Christian Service by W. S. C. S.	\$34,014.37	
Pledges paid to W. D. C. S. by W. S. G.	2,893.59	
Special Memberships	8,880.00	
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TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE TO DIVISION		\$45,787.96
Amount sent to Division on MYF Student, Children Supplies	8,534.69	
Amount to Division for Week of Prayer	4,641.10	
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		13,175.79
Cult fund to Division		23.20
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TOTAL SENT TO DIVISION 1944		58,986.95
Jurisdictional Cult		300.00
Conference expenses:		
Officers	\$1,225.38	
Crowley Conference	362.09	
Jurisdictional Conference	427.05	
Executive Meeting	74.80	
Bank Charges	15.83	
Conference Minutes printed	372.45	
Educational Seminar	255.75	
Christian Social Relations	79.98	
Sequoyah School of Missions	325.00	
Other Conference Expense	556.56	
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Total		3,694.89
Houma for Instruments and Christmas	85.75	
Returned Checks	46.50	
Passage Money	86.40	
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Total		218.65
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$63,200.49

Cash in First National Bank, Shreveport, La., Jan. 10, 1945 3,492.94

**TOTAL**

**\$66,693.43**

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference Treasurer.

**REPORT BY DISTRICTS ON PLEDGES 1944**

	Pledges Paid	Pledged	Overpaid Pledge
Alexandria .....	\$ 4,128.40	\$3,850.00	\$ 278.40
Baton Rouge .....	5,686.10	4,200.00	1,486.10
Lake Charles .....	5,098.88	3,840.00	1,258.88
Monroe .....	6,001.57	4,725.00	1,276.57
New Orleans .....	6,683.31	5,695.00	988.31
Ruston .....	5,870.33	5,000.00	870.33
Shreveport .....	12,227.63	9,884.00	2,343.63
Total .....	45,696.22	37,194.00	8,502.22

**AUDITORS REPORT**

**March 31, 1945**

Officers and Directors,  
Woman's Society of Christian Service,  
Louisiana Conference.

We have made an examination of the books and records of your  
Conference Treasurer, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick of Shreveport, Louisiana,  
for the period January 10, 1944 to January 10, 1945.

Receipts and Disbursements were audited for the above period.

The books and records were in excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Griffith & Hettler,

Certified Public Accountants.



**BIBLE WOMEN**

Hester T. Smith—Songdo Korea	\$ 120.00
Priscilla Banely—East Manchuria	100.00
Dorothy Wilnot—Huchow China	120.00

**FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS**

Colegio Irene Toland—Matanzaz Cuba	40.00
Lee Dicks, Holston Institute—Songdo Korea	40.00
Annie Trosper, Davidson School—Sochow, China	40.00
Bell O. Pry, Institute Laurnes—Monterrey, Mexico	40.00

**BUDGET SPECIALS**

Margaret Hazel Maish—Buduan School, India	30.00
Kindergarten—Congo Belge Africa	25.00

**MISSIONARIES**

China Missionary (Undesignated)	1,000.00
Patricia McHugh	1,000.00
Ava Morton	750.00
Increase for China Missionary	226.86

**DEACONESSES**

Miss Ella K. Hooper, Macdonnell French Mission School	900.00
Mrs. Mary K. Freeman, Business Girls' Inn	900.00

**STUDENT WORKERS**

Lucile Pierce, Northwestern, Natchitoches, La.	1,200.00
Rev. Harold Hine, Southwestern, Lafayette, La.	900.00
Fay Barr, La. Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La.	400.00

**HOME SCHOLARSHIPS**

Macdonell French Mission School, Houma, La.	6,138.99
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**CITY MISSION BOARDS**

St. Marks Community Center, New Orleans, La.	570.00
Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, La.	384.00

**RURAL WORKER**

Miss Eva Crenshaw, Indian Bayou	1,245.00
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**STUDY GRANT**

Miss Lyvonne German, Scarritt College	300.00
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**MIGRANT WORK**

Hammond, La.	20.00
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Dulac Indians	20.00
Special Guild Projects	413.84
Lenten Offering	192.58
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TOTAL MISSIONARY PROJECTS	17,120.07

Noel Mem'l WSCS, Shreveport, La.  
Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, La.  
Rayne Memorial WSCS, New Orleans, La.

Winnfield WSCS, Winnfield, La.  
Monroe First Church WSCS, Monroe, La.  
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Rayne Mem'l WSCS, New Orleans, La.

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## Lake Charles

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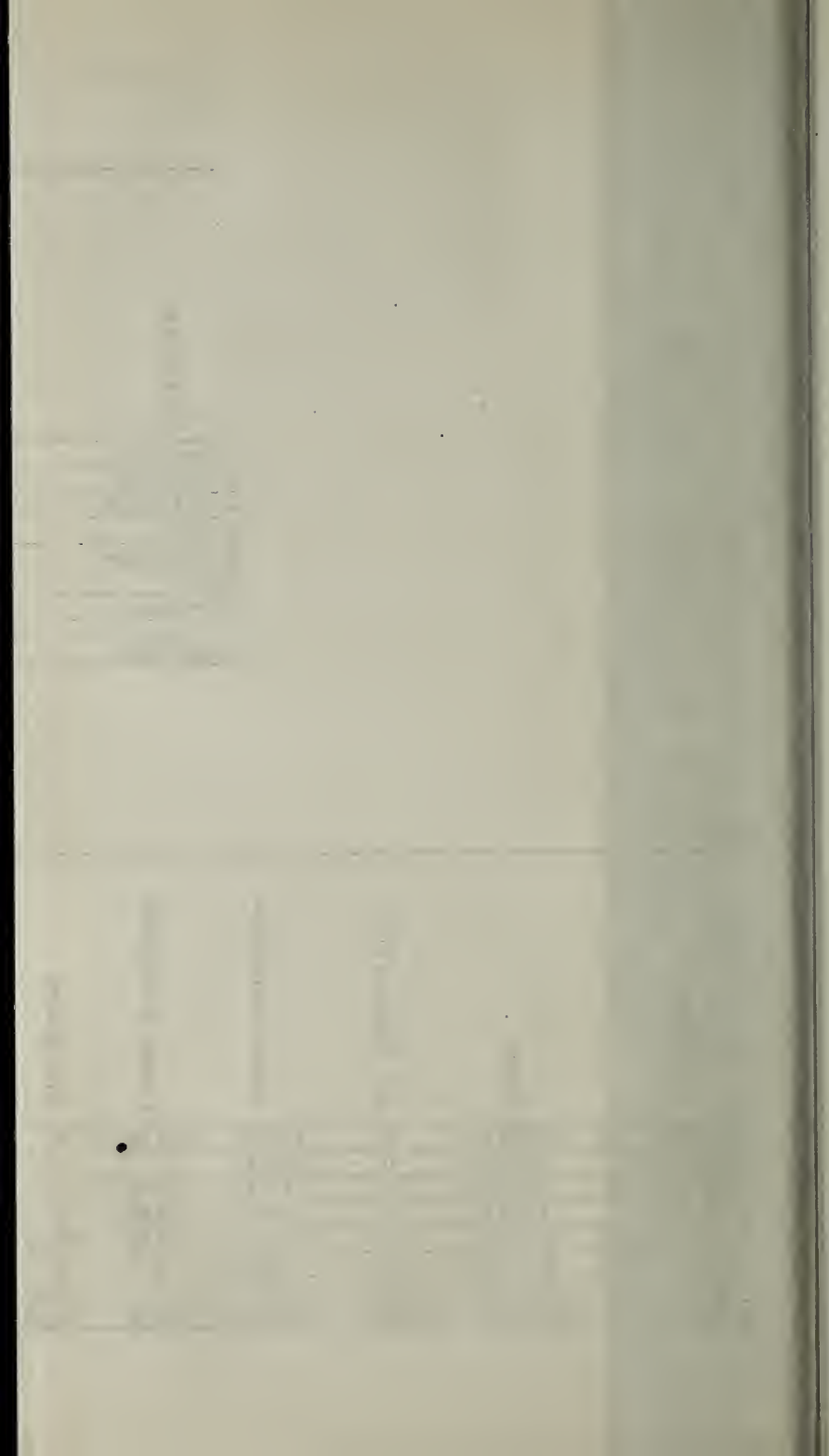


**ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION REPORT AND SUMMARY  
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1944.**

DISTRICTS	No. of Societies	No. of New Societies	Total New Members	Total No. of Members Including Wesleyan Service Guild	No. of Guilds	No. of Guild Members	No. New Guild Units	No. New Guild Members	No. Student Secretaries	No. of Churches Near Campus	No. Youth Secretaries	No. of Interest Groups	No. of Secretaries of Childrens' Work	No. Church Schools Having Add. Sessions	No. of Spiritual Life Secretaries	No. of Subscribers to World Outlook	No. of Subscribers to Methodist Woman	No. of New Subscribers to World Outlook	No. of New Subscribers to Methodist Woman	Baby Sp. Memberships	Junior Sp. Memberships	Youth Sp. Memberships	Mem. Sp. Memberships	Adult Sp. Memberships	No. of Societies Observing Week of Prayer	No. of Societies Achieving All Aims	Am't. Per Capita Not Including W. S. G.
Alexandria	31	2	89	928	3	35	0	1	6	2	4	1	12	2	14	34	92	85	82	7	0	0	0	16	13	0	4.80
Baton Rouge	36	1	145	1295	6	103	0	0	14	5	11	4	18	6	25	284	293	145	118	42	8	0	0	42	21	4	4.93
Lake Charles	40	2	131	1107	8	184	2	27	11	3	8	3	11	7	18	210	214	56	60	15	2	0	0	23	18	5	5.42
Monroe	39	0	123	1331	8	182	3	50	14	1	14	8	18	8	23	196	254	54	74	27	0	3	0	35	23	0	5.20
New Orleans	30	0	101	1295	6	92	0	4	9	1	9	1	11	4	17	203	269	89	105	9	2	1	1	24	17	3	4.89
Ruston	38	0	34	1018	5	128	4	0	12	2	9	1	17	10	20	165	177	34	35	18	2	0	1	38	19	1	6.58
Shreveport	38	2	183	1747	4	85	1	17	17	3	15	7	25	13	30	424	440	152	168	48	2	0	0	85	24	12	7.28
Grand Total	252	7	816	8719	40	789	10	99	83	17	68	23	110	48	147	1526	1739	615	643	187	14	4	2	273	135	25	
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**ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION REPORT AND SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1944.**

DISTRICTS	Pledge	City Mission Fund	Houma Scholarships	Foreign Scholarships	Bible Women	Deaconesses Salaries	Missionaries Salaries	Baby Special Memberships	Junior Special Memberships	Youth Special Memberships	Adult Special Memberships	Memorial Special Memberships	Honorary Special Memberships	TOTAL	Youth Fund	Children's Offerings from Additional Sessions	Lenten Offering	Week of Prayer	World Day of Prayer	Cultivation Fund	Miscellaneous	Wesleyan Service Guild	TOTAL	Cash Supplies W. S. G.	Cash Supplies Including W. S. G.	Amount Spent for C. S. R. & L. C. A.
Alexandria	\$2,883.88	0	\$571.09	\$40.00	0	0	37.00	30.00	0	0	400.00	0	138.80	4,108.55	59.25	2.65	19.85	420.17	24.50	35.20	0	326.84	4,996.81	0	638.46	2,772.71
Baton Rouge	3,485.89	0	833.91	0	0	0	0	210.00	80.00	0	1,050.00	0	46.50	5,686.10	70.00	36.00	0	823.22	0	81.73	0	821.89	7,618.84	87.25	1,135.90	4,045.11
Lake Charles	3,708.00	0	471.80	30.00	0	0	80.00	75.00	20.00	0	575.00	0	44.00	5,003.60	72.90	31.08	100.28	825.37	6.35	56.10	0	1,041.85	8,937.61	83.40	1,102.84	8,529.83
Monroe	4,160.67	0	289.00	80.00	0	0	10.08	135.00	0	45.00	825.00	0	335.00	5,878.57	85.69	10.68	22.00	813.48	0	45.00	0	548.34	7,284.78	28.70	987.88	6,094.55
New Orleans	3,138.95	562.50	1,222.00	65.00	220.00	0	42.81	45.00	20.00	0	800.00	50.00	48.55	6,014.61	205.43	18.17	0	739.04	0	85.40	30.00	531.57	7,622.22	50.00	1,071.45	2,528.82
Ruston	4,681.79	0	523.00	0	0	0	57.25	90.00	20.00	15.00	950.00	50.00	47.00	5,844.04	130.15	8.98	28.29	508.83	0	53.03	0	634.43	7,203.85	39.58	955.81	3,141.44
Shreveport	5,319.83	1,205.00	1,384.64	0	120.00	225.00	1,225.00	200.00	20.00	0	2,375.00	0	53.00	12,217.47	121.84	13.67	10.18	757.95	10.55	109.40	0	344.01	13,584.85	0	1,154.55	5,729.78
Total	26,798.69	1,857.50	5,295.24	215.00	340.00	225.00	1,451.86	785.00	140.00	80.00	8,875.00	100.00	710.65	44,853.94	725.08	119.21	178.58	4,486.16	41.40	465.85	30.00	4,348.83	55,249.04	266.91	7,045.08	30,840.22



## DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

### Report of Conference Secretary

"A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never dying soul to save  
And fit it for the sky."

The women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service realize that with all the death and destruction that is rampant in the world today that more than ever we need to send to all the world the message of God's love.

We are delighted with the financial returns which reveal the intelligent giving of our members and the spiritual impulse which prompts one to want to share their blessings. Our pledge for 1944 was \$33,300.00.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, including the Wesleyan Service Guild, paid \$45,787.96. The Wesleyan Service Guild paid \$2,893.59.

There has never been a time in the World's history when the gospel message was so needed; there has never been a time when the opportunity was greater, for with enlarged opportunity also comes larger responsibility. And part of this responsibility is to keep at work the Christian Nationals where it has been necessary for our missionaries to move out.

Where we used to care for a missionary for \$3.00 per day it now costs \$12.00; so we are asking every woman to make her pledge in accordance with her blessings.

Some one has said, "When God takes hold of your heart, he has a lean on your pocket-book."

We have 252 Societies with a membership of 8719 including the Wesleyan Guild which has 789 members.

There are 40 Wesleyan Service Guild units, Notwithstanding an increase in Societies, we report a decrease in membership. We should be concerned about keeping our members, as well as securing new ones.

Both Special Memberships and Week of Prayer offerings are in excess of last year, but there are still a number of Societies which should be observing the "Week of Prayer" which are not doing so.

We are still striving to get all of our societies to send in quarterly reports but are far from our goal of 100%.

The District Secretaries and Zone Leaders have worked under difficult war conditions but not once have they forgotten that they are "Workers in the Master's Vineyard," and they have all done a splendid piece of work.

May God give to each one of us the inspiration and courage that is necessary for our part in the carrying on of his glorious work, that in the end we may be found "true and faithful servants and enter into the joy of Our Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. M. Campbell,

Secretary of Organization and Promotion.



## **REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION**

### **ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**

Alexandria District has made some progress in the work the past year. The Conference pledge was the largest in my four years of service and it was overpaid.

Wesleyan Service Guilds were organized at Jena and Opelousas. Palmette Society has reorganized with Mrs. Chas. Beyers as President.

District Meetings were held at Oakdale and Jena in May, with 12 Societies represented. Mrs. H. H. Monroe, Ferriday, Louisiana who had served 35 years in Mission fields of Japan, brought us an inspiring message. Her background of service plus a thorough knowledge of history made her message informative, inspirational and powerful.

Only two zone meetings were held during the past year—those were at Opelousas and Bunkie with Mrs. J. L. Ball, Zone leader presiding.

More Societies observed Week of Prayer, World Day of Prayer and reported Spiritual Life groups.

It has been a joy, indeed, to serve as District Secretary and am deeply and humbly grateful for the many privileges and opportunities of service that have been mine.

Mrs. T. D. Chapman,  
District Secretary.

### **BATON ROUGE DISTRICT**

In making my ninth and last report as District Secretary, I do want the fine women of the District to know that I am deeply grateful to them for the wonderful cooperation they have given me. It has been a pleasure and a great privilege to work with them.

Our record for 1944 was good. The pledge was overpaid. Forty-two baby, six Junior and forty-two Adult Special Memberships were presented.

In 1945 shall we open the door to Christ completely and let Him come in? Constantly we must reopen the door to a fresh entrance of Christ in our lives to meet the need of a new day.

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild,  
District Secretary.

### **LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT**

Lake Charles District has five Zones. This is a large District in territory, but with five Zone leaders consecrated to their tasks the lack of tires and gas will not be so keenly felt. Four Zone meetings have been held with much good attained.

There are thirty-six organized societies in Lake Charles District, thirty-five of these have been contacted by the District Secretary this quarter.

One thousand and five dollars have been pledged to McDonell French Mission School at Houma.

Lake Charles District meeting will be held in Lake Charles, at

Simpson Methodist Church, April 25th, 1945.

Mrs. Lonnie Clark,  
District Secretary.

### **MONROE DISTRICT**

The Monroe District has done a fine piece of work this year. Our District has ten active, progressive and spiritual young Zone Leaders. Over thirty Zone Meetings have been held since last April, and three District meetings. They have all been well attended.

The District overpaid its pledge, sent in more cash and supply goods than before, and progressed in the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Several new Guilds were organized, and our District Guild Meeting was held in Monroe.

The spirit of love and cooperation has prevailed throughout the District, and God has blessed us in many ways.

We hope to reach even more of our women and young people in the future. There is an organization in every charge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. A. J. Ensminger, District Secretary.

### **NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT**

The District Meeting, Officers Training Day and Fall Seminar were all held in New Orleans, which includes seventeen of its thirty societies within its boundaries.

New Orleans Societies were privileged to be hosts to the Conference Executive Committee this past spring, and to have the opportunity of attempting the Demobilization Work Shop, also, with New Orleans its place of meeting.

The financial report is good. An increased pledge, overpaid. The marked increase in Special Membership being a contributing factor. Week of Prayer offering largest in its history.

With the departments of work set up in the District, I am looking forward to the time when there shall be a secretary for each department in every local society, then real progress shall have been made.

Mrs. C. C. Hightower,  
District Secretary.

### **RUSTON DISTRICT**

It was with a keen sense of loss that the District accepted the resignation of Mrs. Walker McDonald as District Secretary. Her term of office was most successful, and she is greatly missed throughout the district.

The financial report for 1944 is most encouraging, showing an increase in per capita giving. There were eighteen baby, two junior, one youth, and thirty-eight adult Special Memberships presented during the year.

The District meeting was held in DuBach in May, and was well attended. In September, Ruston was host church to the Educational Seminar, which was most instructive and informative.

Zones Two, Three, and Five held regular meetings throughout the year.

May each society in the District pass through "The Doors of Progress" in 1945, thereby strengthening the work of the W. S. C. S. and enabling it to pass on to higher and better things than ever before.

Mrs. W. S. Row,  
District Secretary.

## **SHREVEPORT DISTRICT**

In reviewing the past year we are grateful to see the progress in many lines of work. Two new societies were organized in 1944, giving this District the distinction of having a society in every charge.

The per capita giving went up from \$6.31 to \$6.93. Since there were 137 special memberships presented in 1944, our pledge was overpaid \$2,343.65.

Approximately one-fourth of the members are subscribers to the World Outlook and the Methodist Woman.

Officers' Training Days and Zone and District meetings were helpful to the large numbers attending them. The Educational Seminar, led by Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Pomeroy, did much in promoting the educational program.

In these trying days we feel the need of deepening our own Christian experience. We have 30 Spiritual Life groups, seeking the presence of Him by whose strength we live.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell,  
District Secretary.

### **REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARIES**

#### **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE FOR 1944**

Education is always the slow way to progress, but it is the sure way. Slowly but surely the Louisiana Conference is progressing along the broad road of Missionary Education, which acquires its great breadth because it brings together so many lanes of missionary travel: the program materials and the World Outlook and the Methodist Woman; all study classes (approved, informal, joint, and cooperative) Special Missionary Projects (Home and Foreign), Reading Circles, and Missionary Libraries.

Outstanding in the year's work were the seven District Seminars, which reached 567 persons representing 128 societies. Suggestions for a complete program of study and action for the year were made available and have proved helpful in creating interest in similar plans for local societies.

The statistical report for 1944 follows:

Number of Classes—442\*

Members in classes—7,513

Special Jurisdiction Recognition Classes—50\*

Joint studies—54\*

Informal studies—34

Reading Circles—50

Libraries—54\*

Training School and Seminar Attendance—790\*

\*Indicates points at which there were increases over the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. G. W. Dameron.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy**

The year 1944 was an interesting one in which to take the office of Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. In a world at war, facing a future which will demand the most man has to give of wisdom, knowledge, and consecration, there has never been a greater need for a program as outlined by the Woman's Society under its department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. The challenge of building a better world is before us. The time is at hand. As Methodist women we have something to do. Let us be about our Fathers business.

Our work has moved forward along some lines and lagged at others. Of our 247 Societies, only 128 sent in any sort of a report during the year. This does not give a very clear picture of what is being done in the Conference. The Societies that do report are carrying on a fine program of work. Twenty-five thousand dollars was reported spent on local work.

War work has captured the interest of Methodist women. Long hours have been given to the work of the U. S. O., Red. Cross, Nurses Aides, Hospitals, Canteens and other Service organizations. There is an increasing cooperation between the Woman's Society and agencies and organizations within the Community. This is as it should be. We seek to strengthen and undergird the work of other groups rather than promoting the same work. Government and private agencies welcome the aid of church women.

We are working for an increased interest in Legislation. In order to be better informed concerning Social Legislation in Louisiana and to ally ourselves with other groups working for Social betterment in our State, we joined the Louisiana Legislative Council. This is a non-political, non-partisan, group of organizations banded together to try to improve social conditions in Louisiana.

The emphasis of our Program of Study and Action for the past year was on "Christianity and Social Order," "Juvenile Delinquency," and "Alcohol and other Narcotics." The Conference Study Committee held Educational Seminars in each District in September. Outlines of all recommended studies were distributed and explained.

As Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, it has been my privilege this year to attend the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, sessions of the Louisiana Legislative council, a days session of the Gulfside Assembly, two executive sessions of the Conference Executive Committee and a meeting of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities at Buch Hill Falls, Pennsylvania in December. This added privilege came as a result of being elected a member of the standing Committee on Local Church and Community Cooperation of the Department.

Perhaps the outstanding achievement of the year was the holding of a Demobilization workshop in the City of New Orleans, March 2, 3, 1945. This meeting was inter-faith and interracial and attended by 175 registered delegates. It was planned cooperatively by the Central and South Central Jurisdiction, Louisiana Conferences.

This was the first year that this Department of work operated on a budget. This appropriation of \$300.00 has made many things possible. The following is a financial statement of this years budget:

Membership dues in Louisiana Legislative Council .....	\$31.00
Demobilization Workshop .....	71.59
Expenses of Boys from Louisiana in C. O. Camp .....	100.00
Membership in Social organizations, Publications, Expenses to meetings of Legislative Council, etc., Office Expenses, etc	97.41
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy.

### DEMOBILIZATION WORKSHOP

There was held at Saint Marks Center in the city of New Orleans on March 2 and 3 a Demobilization Workshop for the New Orleans area. The meeting was sponsored by the Woman's Societies of Christian Service, Central and South Central Jurisdiction, Louisiana Conferences, in keeping with suggestions sent down from the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The theme of the workshop was, "Demobilization Challenges the Church." Problems to be faced in the period of demobilization were discussed under four headings: "The Church's Ministry to the Family," led by Dr. N. A. Holmes of Dillard University; "A Program of Full Employment," led by Miss Thelma Stevens of the Woman's Division, New York City; "Group Tensions and Democracy," led by Rev. W. E. Trice, minister of the University Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and "Education and Returning Service Personnel," led by Dr. Felton G. Clark, president of Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana.

One hundred and seventy-five registered during the two days. The group was about half negro and half white. Many faiths were represented, among which were Catholics, Jews, Baptists, Congregational Christian, and various other protestant churches. Representatives of various agencies and organizations enriched the discussions in each group.

Bishop Paul E. Martin and Bishop Robert N. Brooks were present during the two days and their wisdom and counsel was felt by those present. On Friday evening they brought the messages to a large congregation. Bishop Martin spoke on, "The Church's Part in a Program of Full Employment" and Bishop Brooks challenged us with his message on "Plain Talk About Peace." These addresses in full in the findings of the workshop, may well be studied by church groups interested in these vital problems.

Church Leaders must face the fact of demobilization. It is here. Over a million men have already been demobilized. The process of reconverting our military personnel into civilians has begun. This process involves many social adjustments. Every person who returns to civilian life has to make family adjustments. With many beginning married life for the first time, and many assuming the responsibility of a family with little or no preparation, the responsibility of the church is tremendous. Family counseling service must be a real part of the program of every church. These problems were faced in the following discussions: "Children and Youth in the Post-War World," by Mrs. Willanise G. Polewoda of the State Department of Public Welfare; "Compulsory School Education," by Mrs. Roger Sharp, president of the State P. T. A.; "The Church Helps to Meet the Problems of Alcohol and Gambling," by Dr. W. W. Holmes; "The Church's Ministry Through Recreation," by Rev. Raybon Porter, minister of music and education, First Methodist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, and "Home and Family Adjustments," by Dr. Paul C. Young of the Department of Psychology, Louisiana State University.



There can be no hope of lasting peace unless there is a job for every man who wants one. How can we have a job for every returning service man without making an equal number of unemployed civilians? Full employment is one of the big problems of demobilization. What is going to happen to the defense worker? They will be demobilized. As a church concerned for the soul of every man, welder and ensign alike, the transition period toward which we are moving is one in which we cannot separate the problems of those two. These and like problems were discussed under the topic, "A Program of Full Employment." Miss Thelma Stevens discussed "Post-War Employment of Women;" Mr. Malcolm Ross, chairman of the National Fair Employment Practices committee, discussed the work of this committee and a program of full employment. Mr. Willard E. Parker, state director of civil service, spoke on "Civil Service in Louisiana."

The place of minority groups in a democracy is an interesting study. The group who discussed "Group Tensions and Democracy" found that the tendency toward discrimination was not limited to any one minority group or concentrated in any one section of the country. Great numbers of people, especially in the church, even now hold passive ideas of good will and tolerance. To activate this potential public opinion in order that it may be applied to our immediate problems is the task before us. Surely this is the work of the church, and every agency of the church should awaken to its responsibility. Topics presented were: "A Functioning Democracy, What Is It?" by Dr. Alden L. Powell of the Department of Government of Louisiana State University; "The Rise of Anti-Semitism," by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, and "The Church and Inter-Racial Planning," by Dr. M. S. Davage, head of the Department of Negro Institutions of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

The Church has a definite plan for helping to meet the needs of returning service personnel. In every church there is to be a director of demobilization, who with a committee, will face the needs of these who return, and help to meet them. Some of the problems were discussed under the topics: "The Psychological Rehabilitation of Returning Service Personnel," by Dr. Walker Thompson of the Tulane Medical School; "The G. I. Bill of Rights" by director of the Veterans Bureau of New Orleans; "Educational Opportunities for Returning Service Personnel," by Rev. H. A. Gibbs, minister of the Istrouma Church; "Home and Family Adjustments," by Dr. Paul C. Young, and "The Plan of the Church," by Rev. E. B. Emmerich, executive secretary of the Louisiana Conference, South Central Jurisdiction.

### **WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD**

The Wesleyan Service Guild is growing in the Louisiana Conference. District Secretaries and local officers of the W. S. C. S. have been very successful in organizing and reporting new Guilds. Several of the smaller groups have had to disband, so that our net increase in Guilds in 1944 was only four, but nine new Guilds have reported during the first quarter of 1945.

The Guilds of the Shreveport, Ruston and Monroe Districts met in Ruston in July and Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter brought an inspiring message. The Guilds of the Lake Charles District met in Lake Charles during the summer with Miss Julia Reed as the guest speaker.

The highlights of the year occurred the first week in October, when Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, our missionary from China, spent a week in the Louisiana Conference. She spoke one or more times in each District and brought us a challenge direct from the mission field.



## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK

After four very outstanding and successful years of work with Student Work conducted by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, one finds it most difficult to fill her place in the slightest degree.

The first duty of Secretaries of Student Work is to keep in contact with students on campuses and those who have left college for the service or defense work.

Many splendid reports have come to me each quarter telling of the personal letters, greeting cards, Bibles, Church Bulletins, Upper Rooms, paper clippings from local papers, boxes of food, devotional literature and many other means of contact.

More Secretaries are serving on Hospitality Committees for all functions of the church where young people are present. Many report spending some time each month in U. S. O. Centers.

This year we had 90 Secretaries to report. I am sure much work is being done that is not reported. Perhaps we feel that we are not reaching many goals, but it is the fact that so many are working at the job and doing something.

It is our hope that the Secretaries are going to be more diligent than ever before in promoting student work. During this next year we want to put special emphasis on "a Secretary for every Society."

We have had three new Student Directors to come to our campuses this year. Miss Faye Barr is at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana, Miss Lucille Pierce is working with students on the campus at Northwestern, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and Mr. Harold Hine is working at Southwestern Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana.

These workers have many difficult situations to face and problems to solve. All three colleges have V-12 Units on the campuses. Their Councils are constantly changing because students are transferred, this calls for new plans and readjustments to be made. These are all fine Christian workers and are rendering a great service to the students.

Let's keep our church constantly before our students at home and those away.

Mrs. Lamar C. Aycock.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUTH WORK

With the year we come to the close of the first quadrennium of Youth Work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The reports for 1944 denote an increasing knowledge of and an enthusiasm for the work with Youth Groups in the local churches.

To quote a few remarks of Secretaries of Youth Work taken from the annual report:

1. "There is a deeper spiritual outlook in each youth for people in other lands and more sympathy for those underprivileged here at home."
2. "Genuine interest from youth and a good response. They are more conscious of a World Program through Missionary Education."
3. "Much emphasis should be placed on the Leadership for youth. They will listen and they will do greater things if given the opportunity."

One of our great leaders has said recently, "If Christ can have the youth of today, the world of tomorrow is secure." This statement

should be a great challenge to all who are working with youth, particularly in the area of Missionary education; for we are helping to create attitudes and patterns that will enter into the building of tomorrow's world. That we may prepare ourselves for the task that lies ahead, as youth leaders, the following materials are recommended for study:

1. Duties of Secretary of Youth Work:  
(See Revised Guide, P. 21-24)
2. The following leaflets (free)
  - (a) "A Unified Program for the Missionary Education of Methodist Youth." (No. 2048-B)
  - (b) Missionary Materials for Youth 1944-45. (Leaflet 2125-B)
3. "Money on the March," a new leaflet dealing with the channeling of Methodist Youth Fund.

These may be ordered from Youth Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

You will need:

Youth Program 1944-45 (45c)

"Lights Around the World," contains monthly programs and worship services for girls interest groups. September 1944 to August 1945. Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Two very helpful periodicals are "Highroad" and "Workshop." These may be ordered from Methodist Publishing House, Dallas, Texas.

"Highroad," \$1.25 a year . . . "Workshop," \$.75 a year.

"The Methodist Woman" and "World Outlook," our two periodicals, are invaluable sources of Missionary materials which will enrich your missionary programs and furnish pictures of interest for making posters.

Statistical Report of Youth Work for the year 1944 follows:

1. Commissions on World Friendship Organized .....	81
2. Joint Committees functioning .....	10
3. Adult Advisers to Commissions on World Friendship .....	77
4. No. of Special Interest Groups (Boys and Girls) .....	44
5. No. of Young Peoples Groups participating in Schools of Missions .....	26
6. Interest Groups of Girls and Young Women .....	65
7. Groups Using Program Material prepared for Interest Groups	49
8. Methodist Youth Fund for 1944 .....	\$725.06

Institutions to which supplies were sent:

McDonnell French Mission School, Houma, Louisiana

St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

Sager-Brown Home, Baldwin, Louisiana

Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee

Business Girls Inn, Shreveport, Louisiana

Cash \$20.00 sent to Rev. and Mrs. Ellis Plyler, Missionaries to Peru.

Wesley House, San Antonio, Texas

Recommendations for Youth Work 1945:

1. Every Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana res-

possible for a functioning Girls Interest Group.

2. Joint Committee and Adult Adviser (of Commission of Missions and World Friendship) functioning in every local church.

3. Presentation of the need for recruiting Missionary personnel in every meeting of youth in local, district and conference.

Mrs. E. A. Sartor,  
Secretary of Youth Work.

### **REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK**

The development of children can be so thwarted by distressing circumstances in their immediate environment that their personalities are permanently scarred and handicapped. During these war years it is all the more important that the Christian Church shall be active in behalf of children. The missionary units plan for absorbing activities of helpful service and good will.

The following are some of the interesting activities among children last year:

1. Many gifts were sent Japanese Relocation Centers.
2. Many gifts were sent Sager Brown, McDonnell School and St. Marks Hall.
3. "Everywhere Christmas" was a play given by many junior groups.
4. Many reported singing Christmas Carols for shut-ins.
5. Many groups reported worthwhile experiences connected with Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.
6. Numerous boxes were sent all over the southland to Wesley Houses and Bethlehem Centers as an outgrowth of the study "Christian Adventures in Learning and Living."
7. Many missionary units were used during Vacation Church Schools in the summer.
8. Scrap books, story books and picture post cards have been sent children wards in hospitals.
9. Play equipment has been bought for negro schools.
10. Many children contribute regularly to foreign relief.
11. One group gave money to the American Bible Society for life rafts.
12. \$119.21 was sent to the Conference Treasurer as gifts from the children.
13. 213.00 is the estimated value of gifts for supplies sent to the missionary enterprises through the regular channels of the women's society.
14. Many churches are observing "Family Night" in the church, where the children are allowed to share in the group activities of the whole church.
15. An average of 4,605 children were enrolled in the missionary studies last year.

### **Recommendations for Childrens Work in 1945**

Since there are seventeen million children in the United States that are untouched by the Christian Church and less than one-half of the local Women's Societies of Christian Service in this state elected a Secretary of Children's Work last year, we, therefore, recommend:

1. That greater consideration be given to childrens work in local



district societies.

2. That a well qualified Secretary of Children's Work be elected in every society.
3. That this secretary carry out childrens work as stated in "Doors of Progress."
4. That children's part in the Crusade for Christ be emphasized.
5. That gifts of money or supplies sent to institutions under the direction of the Woman's Division be reported to the local Secretary of Supplies to be included in her report.
6. That work with children be reported more completely and accurately.

Mrs. Ed Conger,  
Secretary of Children's Work.

### REPORT OF SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES

Supply Work is the "over and above gift"—the overflow of loving service.

#### Supplies Sent to Home Mission Institutions

Value of gifts, cash and new supplies plus postage:

	Woman's Society of Christian Service	Wesleyan Service Guild	Youth
MacDonnell French Mission School and Wesley House	\$3,717.61	\$88.21	\$20.00
St. Mark's Community Center	1,128.96	20.00	
Scarritt College	193.01		
Business Girl's Inn	67.71		
Sager-Brown Home and School	116.14		
Peck Hall	32.00		
Wesley House, San Antonio	45.00		
	<hr/> \$5,300.43	<hr/> \$109.50	<hr/> \$20.00
Gulfside	5.00		
Hammond Migrants	20.00		
Japanese Relocation Camp at Christmas for children	10.00		
	<hr/> \$35.00		

#### Foreign Supply Projects

China	\$3,198.88	\$126.35	
India	750.67	10.00	
Mexico		1.00	
Africa	126.00		
Undirected	224.07	20.00	2.50
	<hr/> \$4,299.62	<hr/> \$157.35	<hr/> \$22.50
Ministerial Supplies	25.00		
TOTAL (Home, Foreign, Ministerial Supplies)	<hr/> \$9,660.05	<hr/> \$266.85	<hr/> \$22.50
Number of used garments sent UNFRA			12282
Number of ministers helped			1
Number of books and magazines			3278

## **Direction For Supplies For 1945 By Districts**

MacDonnell French Mission School and Wesley House and Dulac  
Box 270, Houma, Louisiana

Alexandria—2d, 4th quarters	New Orleans—2d, 4th quarters
Baton Rouge—1st, 3d, 4th	Ruston—1st, 3d, 4th
Lake Charles—1st, 2d, 3d	Shreveport—1st, 2d, 4th
Monroe—1st, 2d, 3d	

St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Alexandria—1st, 3d quarters	New Orleans—1st, 3d quarters
Baton Rouge—2d	Ruston—2d
Lake Charles—4th	Shreveport—3d
Monroe—4th	

Sager-Brown Home and School, Baldwin, Louisiana

Alexandria—1st quarter	New Orleans—1st quarter
Baton Rouge—2d, 3d	Ruston—2d, 3d
Lake Charles—3d	Shreveport—4th
Monroe—3d	

1945 Recommendations are as follows: Realizing the increased living maintenance cost for our Missionaries and Institutions, we recommend:

1. That Societies participate in Overseas Relief Appeals which are recommended by the Division and requested through the regular supply work channels.

2. That Conference and District Secretaries make a diligent effort to cultivate Societies that heretofore have done no supply work, and urge them to participate.

3. That each Local Society have a direct personal share in the Supply Work of the Conference by contributing cash supplies for MacDonnell French Mission School and Wesley House at Houma; St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St.

4. That each Supply Secretary present the Institutions of the Conference to her Local Society at least once each Quarter.

5. That Societies continue to send boxes of wearing apparel or food, school or medical supplies to these Institutions, reporting the number of second-hand articles, and placing valuation only upon new goods plus postage and express.

6. That Societies wishing to send ministerial supplies please contact the Conference Secretary of Supplies.

7. That Societies order Shipment of Statement for Supply Work from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio, and enclose one of these properly filled out in each supply box.

8. That each Local Society send an offering for the living expenses for Missionaries in China.

9. That each Local Society send an offering to help provide equipment for our Methodist Schools in Brazil.

### **Goal For 1945**

1. That each Society will do some Supply Work.

2. That each Society will do Supply Work for both Home and Foreign Projects.

3. That each Society will report it's Supply Work.

Special Recognition may be given by the Jurisdiction to Districts in which every local Society does Supply Work for both Home and Foreign Projects.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

The stress of the days of the past year have given us a deeper, keener appreciation of the Four Freedoms, especially Freedom of Worship.

Spiritual Life Groups all over the State have met humbly and reverently and have received courage for the "living of these days" as has been said before, the Spiritual Life Work is hard to report.

The reports show the special days of worship have been observed and a definite growth has been noticed in co-operating with the Church programs as a whole, in having the Spiritual Life growth in the entire Church for our goal.

Reports come in better, but please try to report regularly.

The Crusade for Christ program has called for our best thinking, working and praying, with the first phase, that of the Financial phase behind us, the Evangelistic phase will call for and depend on every woman's sincere co-operation. How can we do less than our best in such challenging days.

Much literature has been in use and reports show a large increase in distributing helpful material.

Truly with our new program of the District set up, we should go forward in a wonderful way, so may we say, "Forgetting the things which are behind us we shall press forward to the goal before us," and again I remind you of the Motto we accepted, "By all means take time to salute Thyself and see what Thy Soul doth wear" remembering always that Spiritual growth is an individual matter.

Mrs. C. H. Shaffer.

## REPORT OF THE FINDINGS COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting in New Orleans, February 28 to March 2, and are the "Working Plans" for this year:

### I. Spiritual Life

1. That our Special Prayer Projects this quadrennium be:  
The Crusade for Christ  
A Just and Enduring Christian Peace  
More Missionaries and Deaconesses.
2. That the Spiritual Life Secretary in the local society be urged to promote "The Quiet Day" program of The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.
3. That we cooperate with the Board of Evangelism and the Staff of The Upper Room in their efforts to place The Upper Room in every Methodist Home; that Spiritual Life Secretaries assist in the promotion and distribution of same. Where there is no Secretary, let the President or Vice-President be urged to assume this responsibility.
4. That each Conference during 1945 present to their women a message on Evangelism, as a preparation for the year of Evangelism—1946; that each Conference decide how it shall be presented and by whom.

### II. Organization and Promotion

1. That earnest effort and serious planning be given the work of organizing new societies and keeping alive those already organized until the goal is reached of at least one society in every charge.
2. That the Louisiana Conference perfect district organizations according to the new by-laws for the District Woman's Society of



## Christian Service.

3. That special emphasis be given to the promotion of finances through a re-emphasis upon the importance of every member in the local society prayerfully making a pledge; the use of special times for special giving, such as the Lenten offering, Thank offering, and Christmas offering; Special memberships; Missionary projects by local and Conference Societies; more wide-spread observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

4. That the Louisiana Conference having paid its 1944 pledge in full plus a 5% increase assume as many \$100.00 shares as possible and include the amount in its pledge for 1945.

5. That the goals for 1945 known as the "Doors of Progress" be used by all societies and that the Conference and the Districts give special recognition to those societies reaching all goals.

6. That efforts be made to interest the wives of Service Men in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and that they be made members of a "Circle for Service Men's Wives."

7. That each district increase its membership at least 10%: Alexandria—90; Baton Rouge—109; Lake Charles—92; Monroe—114; New Orleans—120; Ruston—89; Shreveport—168.

### III. Wesleyan Service Guild

1. That Conference, District, and Local officers of the W. S. C. S. encourage and sponsor the organization of:

(a) New Guilds in any church where there are as many as six interested employed women.

(b) Additional Guilds or circles in churches where they are needed.

2. That District Guild meeting (with an outstanding speaker) be held in each District during the next six months at which time District Guild Secretaries will be elected, subject to the approval of the Conference Executive Committee.

### IV. World Federation of Methodist Women

1. That the work toward a Christian peace be advanced by promoting the study of the findings of all international conferences, economic, political, etc., with a view to registering opinion in places of influence.

2. That the sense of Federation with all Methodist women be increased by education on the interests, needs and activities of Christian women in other countries.

3. That Spiritual Unity be Strengthened by:

(a) The continued use of the Federation Prayer for Peace.

(b) The daily observance of the 9:00 o'clock prayer minute for the needs of the world.

### V. Special Memberships

1. That the 1945 goal be a 10% increase in number of societies giving memberships in each district.

2. That a roll book of Special Members be developed for this quadrennium in each district, the same to be on display at their respective meetings.

### VI. Supply Work

1. That Societies do not participate in any general Overseas relief appeals except these approved by the Division and requested through the regular Supply Work channels.

2. That Conference and District Secretaries make a diligent effort to cultivate societies that heretofore have done no Supply Work to par-

ticipate in this work.

3. That all Societies send supplies to both Home and Foreign institutions on projects during the year.

4. That each local Secretary of Supply Work during the second quarter present the foreign institution or field assigned to her conference in the most attractive and appealing way possible and take an offering for same. (Place in this the name of the foreign project assigned to your conference.)

5. That Conference, District and Local Supply Secretaries be encouraged to keep a scrap book of leaflets and other articles concerning the institutions and projects to whom they send supplies.

6. That local Secretaries of Supply Work present information from the "supply-O-Gram," the "Supply Work Leaflet" or information concerning a supply project to their local societies at least once each quarter.

7. That each local Supply Secretary mail quarterly reports on time, including in the report the value of all boxes and "Cash Supplies" sent by the Children, Youth, and the Wesleyan Service Guild of her church as well as the Woman's Society.

### **VII. Youth Work**

1. Every Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana responsible for a functioning Girl's Interest Group.

2. Joint Committee and Adult Adviser (of Commission of Missions and World Friendship) functioning in every local church.

3. Presentation of the need for recruiting missionary personnel in every meeting of youth in local, district and conference.

### **VIII. Student Work**

1. That we cooperate with the Jurisdictional Board of Education in presenting the opportunities offered by the several Methodist educational institutions within our Jurisdiction.

2. That we assist life service volunteers in securing the necessary official recommendations so that they may be recognized by the colleges on an equal status with that provided for ministerial students.

3. That we cooperate to a greater degree with Wesley Foundations so that Methodist students attending tax-supported institutions may have the fullest advantage of the ministry of the church.

4. That we encourage returning service personnel to take every advantage provided under the so-called "G. I. Bill of Rights" and urge them to continue their education.

5. That we cooperate wherever possible in projects for the rehabilitation of service personnel.

6. That we cooperate with every agency within our Church that is seeking to keep the challenge of life service before young people.

### **IX. Children's Work**

1. That greater consideration be given to Childrens' Work in local, district, and conference societies.

2. That the secretary of Childrens' Work carry out the objectives for Childrens' Work as stated in "Doors of Progress."

3. That Childrens' part in the Crusade for Christ be emphasized.

4. That gifts of money or supplies sent to Institutions under the direction of the Woman's Division be reported to the local Secretary of Supplies to be included in her report.

## **X. Literature and Publications**

1. That we try in every way to familiarize our women with the invaluable aid to a knowledge of our literature, by careful study of the back page of *The Methodist Woman*'

2. That we continue to stress subscriptions to our two magazines with "Every Officer a Subscriber," as our goal and when we have reached that goal stress "A ten per cent increase in subscriptions."

3. That as a member of the program committee secretaries of Literature and Publications stress, in this committee, the use of the program material prepared for our use month by month. That we strive to, "Lift the horizon of the thinking of our society and to broaden its ministry" during the coming year.

## **XI. Missionary Education and Service**

1. That the local committee on Study and Action make and submit plans to the society for a year's program of study and action in accordance with the suggestions from the Conference Committee on Study and Action.

2. That each District and Local Secretary of Missionary Education and Service cultivate toward a realization of the following goals:

(a) Educational progress in each society

(b) Effective presentation of monthly programs using prescribed program material.

(c) Continued use of approved study courses until a goal of four for the year is reached.

(d) At least one Special Jurisdiction Recognition Class in each society during the year.

3. That each society find ways of making its members acquainted with the work done in institutions of the Home Department located within the borders of the Conference. This may be done in some of the following ways:

(a) Interpreting the work of the institutions. Have a "Know your project" campaign, using available materials.

(b) Using institutions for meetings of local groups.

(c) Visiting institutions and making personal contacts with workers.

(d) Inviting workers from the institutions into homes.

(e) Inviting workers to attend conferences or study groups in the local community.

4. (a) That each society send its Secretary of Missionary Education and Service to the Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers, June 11-15, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana to take the new approved study course for the W. S. C. S., "The Church Among Unrooted Americans."

(b) That each District make provision, if possible, for its Secretary of Missionary Education and Service to attend the Pastors' School and Conference for Christian Workers.

5. That District and Local Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service promote Special Missionary Projects, emphasizing that when a project is made "special," it should be new money.

6. That Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service cooperate with other officers in recruiting young men and women for full-time Christian service.



## **XII. Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities**

1. A program of study and action related to the Church's Ministry to the Family, with special reference to counseling services, family security and family integration into the total life of the community with special attention to demobilization.

A program of study and action that relates to the Crusade For Christ in its emphasis on "World Order."

3. A detailed study and support of "The Activities for 1945" as prepared by the Department of Christian Social Relations and local church activities."

Mrs. J. J. McKeithen,  
Chairman Findings Committee.

### **DULAC INDIAN MISSION**

#### **12th Annual Report—1944**

Twelve years have sped by, "treading upon one another's heels in their haste," since the opening day of the first school for Indians in Terrebonne Parish. Has the work been justified? What of the future? To answer these questions fully would take more than one brief article, but we herewith mention a few points.

Many of the Indians in those early days were skeptical about the stability of the work, thinking it would last but a few months and that it would be useless to begin with it. Those cautious ones are now deeply regretful of wasted time. Their regret is frequently sharpened by the contrast between their own sons in the Armed Forces and those boys who did attend school even a little. How sad for them to know there can be no letters from the front while their neighbors receive frequent mail from the boys who attended school. Moreover, those former students, scattered throughout the world, see clearly for themselves how much better off they are than are their illiterate comrades. They do not fail to write home about it and to urge the importance of keeping the younger ones in school, in one particular school. The parents of the boys who can write are so proud of them and broadcast their pride and joy so diligently that it has created an interest in all the young people who have attended the school. They are closely watched to see how they differ from others and are usually found to be of a caliber to withstand the scrutiny. All of this makes good advertisement, and, though there are now several other projects for Indians in the same community, there is a feeling among the "better class", that is, the more independent thinkers, that this particular school is best for them.

The present enrollment is seventy-nine, with the prospect of an increase in both enrollment and average attendance, since the trapping season draws to a close. With only one teacher, all pupils must be crowded into a single room, a room never intended for a class room, having been planned for a residence but having served for twelve years for the school work.

For two months in the fall—October and November—a charming teacher Miss Mona Matherne, former pupil of MacDonnell School, assisted in the work at Dulac. But she was called away and we must seek now to secure another teacher for Dulac, also to speed proposed work on the building of a school house on the property already secured for that purpose. The night school must be reopened, too, for the trappers are returning and are asking for that privilege. It is important to continue the education of those formerly in the day school but who found it necessary to go to work and who can attend only in the evening.

In addition to the school, the work of the church is an important factor. The Rev. L. A. Bodie of the Houma Heights Church is the Pastor and Miss Wilhelmina Hooper Superintendent of the church School. The Pastor gives two Sunday afternoons to the church and two week-day services per month. Religious educational motives are a part of his program. These are made possible through the joint co-operation of Mr. Clanton and MacDonnell School with the Pastor. Miss Wilhelmina, in addition to the usual Church School sessions each Sunday morning, holds a Bible School session Sunday evenings and cooperates with the Pastor in any way possible in the many demands on his time and ingenuity. All services are well attended.

The whole work with the Indians at Dulac is important and fruitful.

Ella K. Hooper.

### **MACDONNELL SCHOOL, WESLEY HOUSE AND FRENCH RURAL WORK, HOUMA, LA.**

There is certainly a Guardian Angel presiding over the affairs of MacDonnell School for, though we have had only a skeleton crew at work and a greatly augmented schedule of activities, affairs have moved smoothly and the work developed constructively. We are deeply conscious of a special enabling guidance in time of need that always tides over every otherwise impossible situation. One instance was the period just before Christmas. We couldn't manage to carry the regular work and put over the extra Christmas work, too. In comes a group of "boys," former pupils now in the Services, each on furlough of long or short duration. All lend a hand and give a lift over a difficult period and we go merrily on. Albert Cantrelle, Seaman First Class, with many months of service at Pearl Harbor, took over the boys for a week or two, supervising their dormitory life and their work periods, not only getting much-needed work done, but giving the boys some excellent training and a "lift," as well. Sgt. Manuel Terrebbonne created such an enthusiasm for marching in order and going to bed with precision that he had only to speak to his "leaders" and the boys would line up of their own accord and march home from church, or a recreation period, and go promptly to the next place of duty. Space will not permit our mentioning all of these Blessings in Uniform, but they are gratefully remembered, each for the special contribution he made towards carrying to a successful conclusion a most difficult year of work. We keep one room in readiness for these "boys" and are always eager to prepare another in case of more than one uniformed guest at a time. Next session we have hopes of having at least one of these "boys" as a permanent helper in the work.

Our "girls" are not to be overlooked, either, though most of them are in places where furloughs are not too frequent. The three now in college have not forgotten to return to MacDonnell School and lend a hand whenever a few holidays have presented themselves. And here again we are looking forward with pride and pleasure to having permanent help, for we have already enrolled Miss Helen Cantrelle, who graduated at MacDonnell School four years ago and who will graduate at South Eastern College this May, as a member of the faculty for the coming session—in the Domestic Science Department.

These brief glimpses will give you who contributed so much to the growth and development of these young people a vision of the fruits of your labors. We look upon it and find it good and find in it a great encouragement for the continuing of our endeavors for those yet in the more formative period.



## ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

New Orleans, La., April 24, 1945

### Officers of the Board

Mrs. Fred C. Taylor	President
Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait	Vice-President
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Mrs. J. W. Woodard	Corresponding Secretary
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### Members of the Staff

William H. Owens	Head Resident
Mary Owens	Club Worker
Doris Mita	Club Worker
Eleanor Moore	Club Worker
Hazel Bulifant	Nurse

The work of St. Mark's Community Center during the past year might be stated as the work of holding extant gains and adapting the overall program to meet the fluctuating needs of the constituency. More than 800 persons, ranging in age from four to seventy-two years, have been enrolled as members in the course of the year. Some fifty groups have been active with an aggregate attendance of 27,227. In addition, 4000 visits were made to the various medical and dental clinics.

A creditable effort toward making this Center take its rightful place as an uplift agency in the community has been made. The increased emphasis on the causes and consequences of juvenile delinquency have caused us to try to meet our responsibility in the total city program for the control of the situation. Staff members and some Board members have studied the situation in cooperation with other local social agencies.

Staff members have coordinated their efforts in their attempt to bring good influences into the lives of the individual members of the Center. We know from letters which have been received from men now in military services that such efforts in the past years have been of real assistance. Wartime prosperity, in many instances, has increased and complicated problems of living. To help relieve the strains and solve the problems of those on the home front most seriously affected by the war has been a matter of prime concern to all staff members.

Among the program activities of the Center, work with young children and work with teen-age youth have received special emphasis. A new and attractively equipped room has been made available for the activities of the children of primary age. In addition to the regular activities offered youth, two special large youth groups were developed. In them were carried on a variety of activity designed to interest the young people and provide them with constructive use of their time.

Other changes include the removal of the library to the first floor, thus making its facilities available during all of the hours the building is open. Some additional equipment was secured for the gymnasium and workshop. The swimming pool schedule was increased from four to five days a week. Despite the complications introduced by the war the regular established camp was held in June.



The current practice of making post-war plans is generally regarded as sound policy. Within recent months a process of laying the groundwork for plans for the present and future has been underway at St. Mark's. A comprehensive statement of the aim and purpose for St. Mark's has been drawn up by the Board. The process of studying and evaluating the work and program of the Center is currently being carried out. When this study is completed, it is felt that St. Mark's will be much better equipped to serve the community in which it is located.

## **SAGER-BROWN HOME**

**Baldwin, Louisiana**

The year 1943-44 at Sager Brown Home has been a successful year in spite of handicaps. "There is good in every experience" and the success at Sager-Brown Home is the results of experiences and handicaps. A shortage of teachers for instance has put a heavy burden upon a few strong workers available, but these few workers have given untiring service at a sacrifice.

The crowded conditions of cities, poor transportation, war work, and broken homes from various reasons has increased the number of children who need a place they can call home. As a result of these, at Sager-Brown Home the number of children in the dormitories has increased from twenty-six August 1943 to fifty-five May 31, 1944. Forty of this number remained in the Home all summer. Our present enrollment is fifty-five. Only a few new students entered this fall because of limited dormitory space. The enrollment at Godman School of Sager-Brown Home is rapidly increasing. The present enrollment is one hundred forty-six. Two of the grades have been moved from the regular school building to the library building because of overcrowded conditions.

"There is a blessing in every experience." In spite of apparent handicaps much has been accomplished at Sager-Brown Home. The fact that older children had to take on more responsibility, we have been able to discover more talents. These older children have worked well rendering invaluable service, as teaching, caring for the younger children, supervising playgrounds, sewing, cooking, laundry, carpentry and farm work. Training of the type to fit each boy and girl was provided.

Last fall at the annual meeting of the Gilbert Industrial College and the Sager-Brown Alumni Association, its members decided to use as a project that of building up an Industrial Arts department to the school. A gift of one hundred dollars was given by Dr. T. M. Johnson, of Shreveport, Louisiana to be used in equipment for this department. This organization also gave three scholarships of fifty dollars each to the outstanding graduates from the tenth grade. Two of the students used the scholarships to enter college, one entered Tuskegee Institute, another Xavier University and the third one entered Holy Rosary Institute at Lafayette, Louisiana where she will complete her high school work.

The graduates from the tenth grade 1944 consists of five girls. All of these girls have entered accredited High Schools to complete their high school work. Mary Windham one of the girls was reared from the age of six at Sager-Brown, and Evelyn Joyce Thomas her classmate entered Allen School, Asheville, North Carolina. Both girls are doing nicely and plan to finish with the twelfth grade class there this year.

The Home Economic Department had a regular teacher only part of the year, but the work was continued by the principal and superintendent. Rugs and clothing were made and some sewing was done for the Red Cross. The girls also took care of the Federal lunch program which furnished hot lunches for the children who attended school from the community.

The Religious Educational program was carried on through the school and church. The youth Fellowship was active, they conducted prayer services, special Church School programs, furnished music for the Sunday services, taught in the church-school and helped in general with religious activities.

Other outstanding events of the year were the Alumni Banquet, Community Christmas party, Easter egg hunt, Annual Oratorical Contest, Open House and Commencement. All these were lovely affairs and were well attended by the public. The Commencement exercises are worthy of special mention—Rev. E. A. Mays of Trinity Church, New Orleans gave a very inspiring message to the graduates. Open House was a new event, more than one hundred persons visited the dormitories, school and campus. The annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the English Department of the high school was one of the high lights of the season.

The Summer season opened with Vacation Bible School, which was largely attended. Following the close of Bible School six weeks were spent in summer school. Last of the summer activities was the setting up of a hospital ward in part of the girl's dormitory where nine boys and girls had their tonsils removed. These operations were done by the school's physician and his assistant. We could not close this report on the work at Sager-Brown Home without some words of deepest appreciation to the women of the W. S. C. S. in all the conferences for your gifts of supplies. The 1943 Audit of Sager-Brown Home showed that all financial obligations of the institution were met and the year closed with an appreciable balance. The supplies you sent helped in stretching the year's budget.

The Women's Division of Christian Service is meeting a great need at Sager-Brown Home. The youth of today will be the citizens of tomorrow. The type of citizens they are depends upon the type of training they receive. It is the job of every adult to see that they are properly trained. "The Harvest is ripe but the leaders are few." We the workers at Sager-Brown Home pledge ourselves to do the job that is ours, your support, your prayers, interest and best wishes can do a lot to help us.

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent.

## **ANNUAL REPORT LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RURAL WORK**

This is a report for only part of a year's work, as I have been in Louisiana less than eight months. In that time I have come to feel very much at home.

My efforts have been centered at Indian Bayou where I have co-operated with the pastor. I have also served in a small way at Hebron on the Indian Bayou Charge, at Ebenezzer, and Rayne.



The young people at Indian Bayou have been very responsive. Their department is organized now, and plans are made through the monthly council and commission meetings. At present they are undertaking to make their room more attractive and worshipful.

In the Indian Bayou Woman's Society for Christian Service I have taught two mission study classes, and we are beginning a Bible study. The young women have been organized into a circle.

We have had programs for the observance of special days. Plans are being made for a vacation church school. I visit in the homes as much as possible:

At Hebron I have tried to help the Church School Superintendent, and at her request I am reading to them "Pilgrim's Progress."

I led devotions at the Ebenezer Woman's Society for Christian Service, and I have taught them one mission study class.

On a few occasions I have helped the pastor in Rayne, and I have served on the program of the Rayne Woman's Society for Christian Service.

I have led devotionals and made talks at some special meetings in the District.

My hope and prayer is to discover and help develop Christian leadership which is so much needed in rural churches.

Eva Crenshaw, Deaconess.

## **LOUISIANA STUDENT WORK**

### **REPORT OF STUDENT WORK AT NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE**

#### **Natchitoches, Louisiana**

The general attitude of the students here is excellent. Of course, one finds the restlessness here as everywhere, the result of the war. I am happy to say that we are reaching at least half of our students in most of our activities. In addition to this half, about half of the others attend church. The percentage may run even higher than that.

The sailors are taking an active part in our activities at the church and in our student social room. The Navy units change so often we hardly get acquainted with one group before another moves in to take its place. We have found many fine boys in the V-5 units.

The students have been planning and leading their own worship services on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings for vespers. Several have become excellent leaders already. The weekly vesper program on Thursday evenings is carried on by the four major Protestant groups on the campus.

We are planning to have Religious Emphasis week April 16-19. This is sponsored by the campus Religious Organizations Council; each religious group is a part of this council.

We had special observance of "Neglected Neighbors" week last fall and of Holy Week this spring. At our last service we made a sacrificial offering for overseas relief. At Christmas we helped a white widow with two children and a colored widow with six children. We also made a large collection of toys which we sent to the Japanese relocation center in Idaho.

We have been studying the programs and plans for the Crusade. Recently in our evening meetings we studied "Christ after Chaos." At present we are studying "Christian Bases of World Order." We have rather heated discussions at times. Last fall in the evening meetings we studied and discussed the religions of mankind. At Sunday School



we studied "Personalities of the Old Testament" last semester and "The Teachings of Jesus" this semester.

Our recreational commission has really been on the job. We have informal get-togethers any time. Every Saturday night we have open house for any who wish to come. This has really met a definite need for Saturday nights. Often on Sunday afternoons we go out for chicken fry, fish fry, picnic, etc. Then each month we have a major social event. This month we are giving a picnic in honor of our seniors and a party honoring the 16 Methodist high school seniors. By doing this we hope to tie these high school seniors to the student program.

One big phase of the work is personal counseling. Students and sailors drop by for chats all through the day.

We have just elected our new officers and are planning to send them and several others to the state student conference to be held at Centenary April 28-29.

Yours sincerely,  
Lucile Pierce.

## **STUDENT REPORT LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**

**1944-1945**

This report of the Student Work at Louisiana Tech really begins in October, 1944, for that is when I came to the campus as Counselor for a group of very fine students.

The student group has finished two trimesters since my work began. At the beginning of each school session the Wesley Foundation Council has held a Retreat in order to plan the program for the coming session and to gain a renewed faith in one's God and one's self before facing the task ahead.

One of the main projects of the Wesley Foundation this year has been to increase the budget and to gain funds for improving the Student Center. This was done by urging each local Church to send the two dollars suggested for the Wesley Foundations in the minutes of the 1943 Louisiana Conference. The Woman's Societies of the Churches have responded generously and at the present time the Center has received about \$120.00 from the Societies and the Churches. Part of this money is being used to complete a chapel for Vesper uses.

The enrollment of Methodist preference students has dropped from about 340 to about 200. This number includes the members of the V-12 Unit and the drive-in students. This drop has caused a handicap in the work. With so many students, especially boys, being moved out a number of the best workers have been lost. However, this misfortune is serving as a challenge to us in the training of new leaders.

The program at the Student Center includes recreational activities, parties, conferences, discussions, and a definite interest in worship. Though the overall enrollment has decreased the number coming to the mid-week Vesper has increased to room-filling.

The project of clothing one of the little boys at the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage is being carried on by the Chairman of Community Service. The students, through their offerings, provide his clothing and remember him at Christmas, on his birthday and at Easter.

We appreciate the help given us by the women of the local church and of the Societies over the state. May we continue to grow in the sight of God.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fay Barr, Methodist Student Secretary.

## REPORT OF STUDENT WORK AT SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

The enrollment of Southwestern Louisiana Institute for this last semester was approximately 1050. Of this number 180 were Methodists or of Methodist preference. We are reaching about two-thirds this number through our Wesley meetings and the local Church. The programs on Thursday evening have been of a very high inspirational nature and show excellent preparation on the part of the students who were responsible for the programs. We have tried to vary the programs so there will not be an overlapping or a stereotyped pattern.

Because of the trimester basis on which Southwestern is running since the coming of the Navy V-12 Unit, our Officers are elected for two semesters. A very inspiring installation service is held to install the new officers and is conducted by our pastor.

One of the most outstanding events of last year was a week-end Retreat to Lake Arthur. The students had a grand time at the lake-side camp and plans are now under way for another such outing some time in May. The students draw up their own plans and then submit them to their Counselor for approval.

The first program at Wesley each semester is of a devotional type. The second usually follows some type of recreational activity; this arouses the interest of the freshmen and beginning students who are not familiar with the Wesley Foundation program. Special effort is made to reach all such students and to interest them in the work. At the end of each semester we also have some kind of farewell gathering for those who are graduating or will not be back the following semester.

Within the last few months our Student Center has been re-decorated entirely. While it is not adequate for our needs, it has been greatly improved and better adapts itself for the carrying on of our program. It is marvelous what a few curtains and a little paint will do—also removing a partition and putting it in a more appropriate place. We have built a Worship Center which adds greatly to the spirit of worship; it is removable so that we can take it down when and if we wish.

Our Wesley group is called on throughout the year to give programs at the local Church. The most recent of these was on the Thursday before Easter at which time one of our students gave an interpretation on the Last Supper; following this Holy Communion was administered to those present. Also the students were called on to help in the Crusade for Christ and gave a program at the Church concerning this.

The Wesley Foundation is cooperating with the other Protestant denominations on the Campus in having "Breakfast Devotions" every Tuesday morning at 7:15. The programs are given in rotation by the five Protestant organizations on the campus—each group being responsible for the program and also for the breakfast of rolls and coffee or chocolate.

Throughout the months and the years that students remain at Southwestern, we try to make them feel that they do have a certain responsibility to carry out and we try to develop them in training them to meet conditions of leadership and learning to work in various organizations and committees. Special attention is given to everyday Christian living and emphasis is placed on a Christian attitude in all walks of life.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold Hine.



## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

By Mrs. Ira Campbell

Most probably your society has a Status of Women Committee, but does it function and fulfill its wide range of service? Some, perhaps, have the idea that this committee does not have a specific work until near General Conference time, when clergy rights for women are sought. Let us lay aside the idea of equal rights and concentrate upon the responsibilities we have upon our shoulders through the many opportunities of service which the modern Methodist Church has opened to its women.

The purpose of the Status of Women Committee is "to enable the Christian woman to discover her place in the world's society and to assist her in assuming that position with a dynamic sense of dignity and responsibility. We believe that in this day of turmoil and distress the Church, above every other institution, needs to employ all her forces to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, and to conserve to the Church the genius, power, and inspiration of talented, intelligent, and fine women. We lose many such young women to other organizations and clubs because they are not challenged with tasks in the Church which employ their full capabilities. Such a woman recognizes that she is a world citizen and can no longer feel that her only place is in the church kitchen.

The modern Methodist Church expects its women to serve on boards, committees, and as representatives to its Conference. It is the duty of the Status of Women Committee to point out these places of service to the women by means of programs, posters, scrap-books, and a study of the Discipline. In the Status of Women Handbook (10 cents, Literature Headquarters) a section is given on how to conduct such a study, with the numbers of the paragraphs of the Discipline concerned with the places where women may serve. The Handbook also contains a wealth of material for programs and is indispensable to a chairman of the Status of Women.

The home is the most important unit in our Democracy and the most effective school for training our boys and girls. The thirty million housewives of the United States would undoubtedly be better home-makers and broader mothers if they were giving a share of their time and energy to some church task. What a challenge to "help Christian women to find their place in society and the Church."

Societies which have Status of Women Committees functioning in this manner probably will not have the problem of shortage of leadership. This Committee could serve as a local research group by helping find the right person for that task and the task for the person.

If your society does not have a chairman for Status of Women, please appoint one and send her name to your district chairman. This chairman is requested to make an annual report on her work in December.

May each Status of Women chairman accept the tremendous opportunity of helping Christian women find broader avenues of service. She can by intelligent study, a sacrificial giving of time and energy, and a consecrated spirit, demonstrate that in the Methodist Church the Status of Women is deservedly high.



## **SCARRITT PROMOTION**

**By Grace Gatewood, Deaconess**

In a letter to the graduates and former students of Scarritt College, Dr. Stuntz wrote as follows: "You will be happy to know that our fall quarter began with the largest entering class and the highest total enrollment so far registered at Scarritt. Peabody College graciously offered us extra dormitory space if needed, but by using every room of every building we have managed to keep the family together. However, if the increase this fall indicates a trend, as we believe it does, another dormitory will soon be needed.

"I am hoping that some loyal and understanding friend will make provision for such a building soon.

"A Scarritt graduate of the year 1903, after long years of service in China, spent a few days with us last week. She said to me, "I am glad to find here the same quality of life and spirit that has made Scarritt such a part of my life."

"That pleased me deeply. It has been our hope and prayer that Scarritt may retain its special character and spirit even though changes in personnel must occur. For we believe that the social and religious atmosphere of daily life is the most important factor in building well-balanced, effective personality."

This letter should be a challenge and a comfort to that great host of friends of Scarritt College. The need for workers at home and abroad for rehabilitation work after the war ends is appalling. Yet the enlarged enrollment is but one more indication of how the young people of the church will respond to a great need. This makes it a real challenge to the workers with young people to present the needs of the world to them. Also, to present the information to them of the many helpful courses offered continually at Scarritt College for men and women in fitting them adequately to meet these needs.

There were many people who wondered if the same "quality" of life could be maintained at Scarritt after it was moved and enlarged and made a co-educational institution. This quotation from the returned missionary is but another assurance that nothing that was finest in the old has been destroyed, but that much that was necessary and new has been added to make the life and classes at Scarritt more effective in preparing students for work in the Church at home and abroad.

Through Associate memberships and gifts to the Living Endowment many interested persons are helping to supplement the financial resources of Scarritt. Will you not include Scarritt College in the list of the great causes and institutions to which you are going to direct your gifts, your prayers, and your energies this year?

## **DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

### **BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCES WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Constitutional and By-Laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book.

#### **Article I**

#### **Elections**

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference Officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four

years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, beginning in 1942 the following officers shall be elected for a two year term: Vice-President, Organization Secretary, Recording Secretary, Secretary of Literature and Publications, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Secretary of Supplies, Secretary of Missionary Education and Service and Secretary of Spiritual life and Message. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: President, Treasurer, Secretary and Young Women's and Girl's Work, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Secretary of Student Work, Secretary of Children's Work. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last Annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the president, shall be elected by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies occurring among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

## **Article II**

### **Vacancies**

When vacancies among officers, District Secretaries, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the administrative committee with ratification of the Executive Committee, until the next annual session of the Conference when the office shall be filled by election.

## **Article III**

### **Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the officers and such other persons as the Conference Society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdictional officers residing in this Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be the chairman, the vice-president, the secretary of Organization and Promotion, the treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This Committee shall have the power to serve as an interim committee.

## **Article IV**

### **Funds**

Section 1. The Treasurer may disburse without order from President and Secretary of Organization the quarterly expense money for all officers and District Secretaries. She shall send quarterly itemized statements to the Secretary of Organization, President and District Secretaries.

Section 2. The treasurer shall advance each quarter for office expense the following amounts: to the president, vice-president, Secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Wesleyan Service Guilds, Missionary Education and Service and Spiritual Life

\$7.50 each; to the Secretary of Supplies \$10.00; to the Secretary of Literature and Publications \$20.00; to the District Secretaries \$7.50 each; to the treasurer \$25.00 per month. Postage shall be allowed all chairmen of Conference committees.

Section 3. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Section 4. The cost of publishing the Conference News shall be approved and the bill paid upon presentation.

Section 5. Forty cents per member shall be set aside by the Treasurer for a cultivation fund membership to be based on enrollment December 31, of preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expense of executive meetings, expense of delegates to Jurisdictional meetings, expense for promotion and educational funds shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All money in the fund at the end of fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 6. Each local society shall include in its budget for Jurisdictional and Conference Cultivation, and for the purchase of literature, an amount equal to ten cents per member.

Section 7. At each annual and district meeting public collections shall be taken for Conference Work, and amounts forwarded to the Conference Treasurer. The district secretary may deduct any necessary expense of district meeting before remitting to the Treasurer.

## **Article V**

### **Districts**

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone may be appointed by the District secretary for a term of two years with the privilege of reelection for one additional term, subject to the approval of the secretary of Organization. The Zone leaders shall hold meetings quarterly in their respective zones. A collection may be taken at each meeting. After the expense of the meeting is paid, the leader shall send the balance to the Conference treasurer, stating the amount and from what zone.

## **Article VI**

### **Standing Committees**

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. The committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite seams for permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and



Action composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and co-operative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference as chairman, and the treasurers of the District Society, where there are such officers, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed of conference income and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation, and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of women's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the Conference president, who shall be the chairman, the secretary of Organization, the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, and the women of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in co-operation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Women's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards for candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall co-operate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the chairman of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the Annual Report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. There shall be a Deaconess Advisory Committee in each District, where a deaconess or worker is employed, with the following

personnel; the District Secretary, who shall be the chairman, the District Superintendent, Conference officers within the district, the pastor in charge of the local church and the presidents of each society in the charge in which work is undertaken. The committee shall meet quarterly, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be made monthly to the District Secretary, Conference President and Secretary of Organization.

Section 9. The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the district.

Section 10. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District Secretaries, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the Conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of stand committees. It shall study the qualifications and suitability of such women for special places of service and submit a report of its findings when called for the Conference Women's Society of Christian Service.

## **Article VII**

### **Amendments**

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws 30 days before the annual meeting of Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

## **STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE**

### **Article 1---**

Nominations for District Secretary shall be made by committees composed of the president, vice-president, secretary of Organization and treasurer; election to be by acclamation. Term of office shall be for four years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term.

### **Article 2---**

All communications from Conference Officers, such as circular letters, literature, etc., must go direct to society officers of corresponding office, instead of through the District Secretary.

### **Article 3---**

The retiring District Secretary shall plan as far as possible and if necessary hold the first district meeting after Conference.

### **Article 4---**

Each District Secretary will be allowed expense money to attend one meeting a year in each zone in her district. An additional Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars per year will be allowed for cultivation work in the District.

### **Article 5---**

A committee shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

### **Article 6---**

Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for each annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

### **Article 7---**

There shall be a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Secretary of Organization, elected to visit the home institutions within

the boundary of the Conference and to cooperate with them in the advancement of their work. An expense account may be presented when necessary.

**Article 8—**

Typists shall be supplied at the Annual meeting for the writing of Committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

**Article 9—**

A half-hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

## **RULES OF ORDER**

**Article 1—**

Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

**Article 2—**

All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

**Article 3—**

Courtesies shall be limited to the 10 minutes before noon devotional service.

## **STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES**

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the Conference Treasurer and District Secretary.

2. In order that the Society entertaining the Annual Conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, a luncheon shall be served by an outside agency, at a price not to exceed 75 cents per plate.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the Annual Conference of the Women's Society of Christian Service, that Society may elect its Zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the Conference Officers.

6. The corresponding secretary of each Society shall send the total amount pledged, to the District Secretary not later than February 15th, and the Memorial Roll not later than March 10th.

7. Societies having the circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

8. Representation at Annual Meetings shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each Society, however small, will have one delegate.

9. Thirty days before the Annual Conference meeting, the Conference Recording Secretary shall send to the President of each Society in the Conference registration cards, which she shall fill in with names of delegates, and with check covering luncheons, and mail immediately to the Chairman of Registration in the Society entertaining the Conference.

10. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the Society after the Conference.



**ROSTER OF**  
**ZONE LEADERS AND SOCIETY PRESIDENTS**  
**ACCORDING TO ZONES AND DISTRICTS**  
**ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT**

**Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. Crawford Young, Campti, La.**

Societies—Presidents	Address
Flora—Mrs. T. P. Lawson .....	Flora, La.
Mount Zion—Mrs. Vesta Fredieu, .....	Route 1, Montgomery, La.
Natchitoches—Mrs. W. S. Mitchell—	305 New 2nd St., Natchitoches, La.
Oak Grove—Mrs. Lou Grigsby .....	Route 1, Natchitoches, La.

**Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. J. Q. Elliott, Pineville, La.**

Boyce—Mrs. N. M. Lytle .....	Boyce, La.
Colfax—Mrs. M. H. Rodgers .....	Colfax, La.
Hollin's Chapel—Mrs. S. J. Higginbotham .....	Route 1, Dry Prong, La.
Montgomery—Mrs. M. E. Bozeman .....	Montgomery, La.
Palestine—Mrs. G. T. Hudson .....	Route 1, Pineville, La.
Pineville—Mrs. P. H. O'Neal .....	607 College Drive, Pineville, La.
Pollock—Miss Mollye Stewart .....	Pollock, La.

**Zone 3—Leader**

Alexandria—Mrs. George Powell .....	2456 Hill St., Alexandria, La.
Elizabeth—Mrs. J. D. Collins .....	Elizabeth, La.
Glenmora—Mrs. R. W. Ferguson .....	Glenmora, La.
Lecompte—Mrs. H. A. White .....	Lecompte, La.
Oakdale—Mrs. W. I. Twiner .....	Oakdale, La.

**Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. J. L. Ball, Sunset, La.**

Bunkie—Mrs. N. D. Butler .....	Bunkie, La.
Marksville—Mrs. C. A. Riddle .....	Marksville, La.
Melville—Mrs. W. C. Bailey .....	Melville, La.
Oak Grove—Mrs. Owen Sayes .....	Vick, La.
Opelousas—Mrs. J. L. Ball .....	Sunset, La.
Ville Platte—Mrs. W. H. Parker, Jr. ....	Route 1, Ville Platte, La.

**Zone 5—Leader**

Tullos—Mrs. C. C. Shepherd .....	Tullos, La.
Urania—Mrs. C. E. Tannehill .....	Urania, La.
Winnfield—Mrs. Tom Hampton .....	Winnfield, La.

**Zone 6—Mrs. B. T. Gallaher, Trout, La.**

Ferriday—Mrs. J. C. Stokes .....	Ferriday, La.
Jena—Mrs. T. J. Drewett .....	Jena, La.
Jonesville—Mrs. V. C. Goodrich .....	Jonesville, La.
Sicily Island—Mrs. R. C. Cruse .....	Sicily Island, La.

**BATON ROUGE DISTRICT**

**Zone 1**

Societies—Presidents	Address
First Church—Mrs. Glen Nordyke .....	2773 Edwards Ave, Baton Rouge
Istrouma—Mrs. J. C. Lowery .....	2224 Monroe Ave., Baton Rouge, La.
Lottie—Mrs. A. N. Smith .....	Blanks, La.
Magnolia—Mrs. J. L. Summers .....	Greenwell Springs, La.
North Baton Rouge—Mrs. Ira S. Flory .....	3613 Byron Ave, Baton Rouge
Plaquemine—Mrs. Geo. H. Pierce .....	718 LaBauve Ave., Plaquemine, La.

Slaughter—Mrs. John F. Piker .....	Box 16, Slaughter, La.
Rosedale—Mrs. W. O. Miller .....	Grosse Tete, La.
University Church—Mrs. Walter Prichard, 4616 Vanderbilt Dr., B. R.	
Zachary—Mrs. Edgar Ingalls .....	Zachary, La.

### Zone 2

Angie—Mrs. G. W. Stafford .....	Angie, La.
Bogalusa—Mrs. V. H. McKenzie .....	524 Ave. E. Bogalusa, La.
Franklinton—Mrs. Fred Toney .....	Franklinton, La.
Covington—Mrs. Tucker Stewart .....	Covington, La.
Columbia Heights .....	Bogalusa, La.

### Zone 3

Baker—Mrs. F. F. Reed .....	Baker, La.
Blackwater—Mrs. Joe Carpenter .....	Rt. 4, Baton Rouge, La.
Denham Springs—Mrs. C. J. Jackson .....	Denham Springs, La.
Live Oak—Mrs. J. W. Jones .....	Watson, La.
Mangaun Chapel—Mrs. Louise Muse .....	Corbin, La.

### Zone 4

Amite—Mrs. E. W. Forshay .....	Amite, La.
Hammond—Mrs. Kenneth Black .....	Hammond, La.
Kentwood—Mrs. Ralph Napier .....	Kentwood, La.
Ponchatoula—Mrs. J. T. Saint .....	Ponchatoula, La.
Lee's Landing—Mrs. Milton Raiford .....	Rt. 1, Ponchatoula, La.
Loranger—Mrs. H. A. Camplin .....	Loranger, La.
Tangipahoa—Mrs. R. E. Kennison .....	Tangipahoa, La.
Tickfaw—Mrs. D. V. Jenkins .....	Tickfaw, La.
Wesley Chapel—Mrs. Ben Parker .....	Rt. 1, Ponchatoula, La.

### Zone 5

Clinton—Mrs. Jack Phares .....	Woodland, La.
Greensburg—Mrs. C. S. Holland .....	Greensburg, La.
Jackson—Mrs. Glen Smith .....	Jackson, La.
New Hope—Mrs. T. E. Spillman .....	Spillman, La.
St. Francisville—Mrs. Leslie O. Bickham .....	Star Hill, La.

## LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

### Zone 1

Societies—Presidents .....	Address
DeRidder—Mrs. C. G. Fuller .....	606 Bonami St., DeRidder, La.
Leesville—Mrs. J. K. McCullough .....	1116 Sixth St., Leesville, La.
Many—Mrs. R. J. Petty .....	Many, La.
Merryville—Mrs. J. L. Smith .....	Merryville, La.
Prospect—Mrs. Joy Miller .....	Florin, La.

### Zone 2

DeQuincy—Mrs. Ernest L. Hines .....	Rt. 1, Box 19, DeQuincy, La.
Lake Charles 1st Church—Mrs. F. F. Johnson .....	711 Drew Street
Maplewood—Mrs. Ed. Watkins .....	Iowa, La.
Simpson—Mrs. J. B. McIvers, .....	1924 7th, Lake Charles, La.
Sulphur—Mrs. Cecil Bergstedt .....	216 W. Lyons St., Sulphur, La.
Vinton—Mrs. J. A. Bell .....	Vinton, La.
West Lake—Mrs. Maurice Clark .....	West Lake, La.

### Zone 3

Basile—Mrs. W. M. Childress .....	Basile, La.
Elton—Mrs. Clyde Schlesinger .....	Elton, La.
Hopewell—Mrs. E. Garlington .....	Rt. 1, Pitkins, La.

Iowa—Mrs. George Koonce	Iowa, La.
Jennings—Mrs. J. A. Keller	Jennings, La.
Kinder—Mrs. R. W. Burris	Kinder, La.
Lake Arthur—Mrs. Gordon Mack	Lake Arthur, La.
Oberlin—Mrs. H. C. Lane	Oberlin, La.
Pine Grove—Mrs. Lutherine Burton	Pine Grove, La.
Raymond—Mrs. Grace Marshall	Raymond, La.
Welsh—Mrs. W. H. Bengtson	Welsh, La.

#### Zone 4

Church Point—Mrs. M. A. Hargrader	Church Point, La.
Crowley—Mrs. C. E. McLean	Box 126, Crowley, La.
Ebenezer—Mrs. E. E. Faulk	R. F. D., Crowley, La.
Eunice—Mrs. J. P. Beddell	Box 145, Eunice, La.
Gueydan—Mrs. Ida Hardee	Gueydan, La.
Indian Bayou—Mrs. C. L. Boulet	Star Route, Rayne, La.
Maxie—Mrs. Day Farley	Rt. 1, Crowley, La.
Rayne—Mrs. H. A. McDonald	Rayne, La.

#### Zone 5

Abbeville—Mrs. Kenneth Hutton	116 N. St. Charles St.,
Davidson Memorial—Mrs. J. J. Davidson	202 6th St., Lafayette, La.
Jeanerette—Mrs. J. W. Faulk	228 Cherry St., Lafayette, La.
New Iberia—Miss Lucy Gebert	East Main St., New Iberia, La.

### MONROE DISTRICT

#### Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. L. C. Taylor, Grayling Lane, Monroe, La.

Societies—Presidents	Address
Monroe First—Mrs. E. P. Cudd	1001 North 2nd St., Monroe, La.
Monroe, Gordon Ave.—Mrs. C. B. Parsons	2308 S. Grand St., Monroe
Monroe, Stone Ave.—Mrs. H. F. Boyd	Rt., Box 85a, Monroe, La.
West Monroe—Mrs. D. C. Harper	297 Ludwig St., West Monroe, La.

#### Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. C. E. Stringer, Box 605, Columbia, La.

Columbia—Mrs. L. R. Adams, Sr.	Columbia, La.
Columbia Heights—Mrs. S. D. McHenry	Columbia, La.
Grayson—Mrs. T. L. Johnson	Grayson, La.
Kelley—Mrs. I. S. Humphries	Kelly, La.
Olla—Mrs. John Waggoner	Box 124, Olla, La.

#### Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Homer Valentine, Oak Ridge, La.

Bonita—Mrs. Ruth Buatt	Bonita, La.
Jones—Mrs. W. L. Pugh	Jones, La.
Mer Rouge—Mrs. Roy Windson	Mer Rouge, La.
Oak Ridge—Mrs. J. S. McDuffie	Oak Ridge, La.

#### Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. O. E. Hinton, Fairbanks, La.

Bastrop—Mrs. A. S. J. Neal	Monroe Road, Bastrop, La.
Collinston—Mrs. Alton Norsworthy	Collinston, La.
Fairbanks—Mrs. S. Welch	Fairbanks, La.
Sterlington—Mrs. Gilford Wright	Sterlington, La.

#### Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. Noble Hatch, Mangham, La.

Buckner—Mrs. F. B. Hatch	Route 3, Rayville, La.
Crowville—Mrs. R. D. Harper	Crowville, La.
Little Creek—Mrs. W. C. McKay	Archibald, La.
Mangham—Mrs. Fred Childress	Mangham, La.



**Zone 6—Leader, Mrs. W. L. Haley, Rayville, La.**

Crew Lake—Mrs. Sallie Griffin ..... Crew Lake, La.  
Delhi—Mrs. Bill Windham ..... Delhi, La.  
Rayville—Mrs. W. L. Haley ..... Rayville, La.  
Tallulah—Mrs. Dave Kaufman ..... 304 Deport St., Tallulah, La.

**Zone 7—Leader, Mrs. James Grady Wyly, Jr., Lake Providence, La.**

Lake Providence—Mrs. R. E. McLendon ..... Lake Providence, La.  
Oak Grove—Mrs. C. D. Copeland ..... Oak Grove, La.  
Transylvania—Mrs. A. M. Braswell ..... Transylvania, La.

**Zone 8—Leader, Mrs. D. L. Dickinson, Pioneer, La.**

Campbell's Chapel—Mrs. Eula Coady ..... Rt. 1, Pioneer, La.  
Epps—Mrs. T. Y. Wall ..... Epps, La.  
Forest—Mrs. C. P. Vining ..... Box 209, Oak Grove, La.  
Pioneer—Mrs. D. L. Dickinson ..... Pioneer, La.

**Zone 9—Leader, Mrs. O. L. Tucker, Winnsboro, La.**

Alford's Chapel—Mrs. W. W. Brown ..... Rt. 1, Wisner, La.  
Gilbert—Mrs. Martha Turner ..... Gilbert, La.  
Wisner—Mrs. W. S. Mecom ..... Wisner, La.  
Winnsboro—Mrs. C. W. Berry ..... Winnsboro, La.

**Zone 10—Leader, Mrs. C. L. Chennault, Waterproof, La.**

St. Joseph—Mrs. Ruth K. Johnson ..... St. Joseph, La.  
Wesley—Mrs. L. H. Cook ..... St. Joseph, La.  
Waterproof—Mrs. H. T. Bonnett ..... Waterproof, La.

**NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT**

Societies—Presidents	Addresses
Aldersgate—Mrs. G. C. Albright	814 Eganias, St., New Orleans, La.
Algiers—Mrs. E. W. Burgis	1823 Bodenger, Algiers, La.
Boutte Paradis—Mrs. Alonzo Pitre	Paradis, La.
Bayou Blue—Mrs. Davidson Chauvin	R. F. D., Houma, La.
Carrollton Ave.—Mrs. Ross R. Cahal	1507 Jefferson Ave., N. O., La.
Chalmette—Mrs. James Newton, Jr.	1828 Louisa St., New Orleans, La.
Church of the Redeemer—Mrs. Geo. L. Taylor	2508 Eads St., N. O.
Canal St—Mrs. Mary Rolufs	4424 St. Ann St., New Orleans, La.
Donaldsonville—Mrs. C. S. Churchill	Belle Alliance, La.
Eighth St.—Mrs. E. J. Bayer	1306 Arabella St., New Orleans
Felicity St.—Miss Virginia Biggers	2005 Carondelet St., N. O., La.
Houma, 1st—Mrs. E. K. Bynum	400 Crescent Blvd., Houma, La.
New Orleans, 1st—Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait	6101 Louisville St., N. O.
Franklin—Mrs. J. J. Lunny	Franklin, La
Gentilly—Mrs. W. G. Johnston	4746 DeMontluzin St., N. O., La.
Gretna—Mrs. T. A. Hotard	708 Madison St., Gretna, La.
Golden Meadow—Mrs. M. E. Brassette	Golden Meadow, La.
Griffin—Mrs. Joseph Rodrique	R. F. D., Griffin, La.
Houma Heights—Mrs. Norman Davidson	Houma, La.
Labadieville—Mrs. Emile Richard	Labadieville, La.
Lockport—Mrs. H. S. Brinson	Lockport, La.
Morgan City—Mrs. John A. Pharr	Berwick, La.
Munholland Memorial—Mrs. Guy Hutsler	116 Arlington Dr., Metairie
Napoleon Ave—Mrs. E. M. Holdrith	3015 Robert St., New Orleans
Parker Memorial—Mrs. Myrtle Petty	1041 State St., New Orleans
Pointe au chene—Mrs. John Neal	Montegut, La.
Rayne Memorial—Mrs. Edwin S. Middleton	1737 Valence St., N. O.
Second Church—Mrs. W. W. Wallace	925 Independence St., N. O.

Slidell—Mrs. J. A. Bousquet ..... Slidell, La.  
 St. Marks—Mrs. Frank Ruano ..... 2036 Royal St., New Orleans, La.

## RUSTON DISTRICT

### Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. W. L. Doss, Jr., Haynesville, La.

Societies—Presidents	Addresses
Arizona—Mrs. Gladys Corry .....	Arizona, La.
Athens—Mrs. G. L. Kilpatrick .....	Athens, La.
Cotton Valley—Mrs. Owen Hooker .....	Cotton Valley, La.
Cross Roads—Mrs. J. M. Kilpatrick .....	Rt. 1, Athens, La.
Harmony Chapel—Mrs. J. M. Deason .....	R. F. D., Dubach, La.
Haynesville—Mrs. Sidney Sale .....	Haynesville, La.
Homer—Mrs. John Robinson .....	Homer, La.
Springhill—Mrs. D. G. Tyler .....	Springhill, La.
Lisbon—Mrs. Irene McDonald .....	Lisbon, La.

### Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. A. E. Woodard, Ringgold, La.

Bienville—Mrs. L. G. McCoy .....	Bienville, La.
Brushwood—Mrs. Lavelle Perryman .....	Dubberly, La.
Gibbsland—Mrs. J. B. Shearer .....	Gibbsland, La.
Heflin—Mrs. L. F. Pace .....	Heflin, La.
McIntyre—Mrs. P. F. Lowe .....	Rt. 4, Minden, La.
Minden—Mrs. W. W. Humbarger .....	104 2nd St., Minden, La.
Sibley—Mrs. R. H. Marvin .....	Sibley, La.
Ringgold—Mrs. Jasper Crump .....	Ringgold, La.

### Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Robert McGehee, Farmerville, La.

Calhoun—Mrs. Maggie Roberts .....	Calhoun, La.
Choudrant—Mrs. D. E. Ford .....	Choudrant, La.
Claiborne—Mrs. W. R. Williams .....	West Monroe, La.
Downsville—Mrs. Frank Ballard .....	Downsville, La.
Farmerville—Mrs. M. Stein Baughman .....	Farmerville, La.
Marion—Mrs. B. K. Watson .....	Marion, La.
Ruston—Mrs. Chas. Gullatt .....	214 E. Texas St., Ruston, La.
Union—Mrs. John McNeil .....	Rt. 1, Marion, La.

### Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. Roy Hearne, Eros, La.

Ansley—Mrs. E. W. Hageman .....	Ansley, La.
Chatham—Mrs. Nell Hearne .....	Chatham, La.
Clay—Mrs. Sallie Willett .....	Clay, La.
Eros—Mrs. R. L. Golson .....	R. F. D., Monroe, La.
Hodge—Mrs. T. G. Dennis .....	Hodge, La.
Jonesboro—Mrs. H. W. Ayres .....	Jonesboro, La.

### Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. F. M. Hood, Simsboro, La.

Alabama—Mrs. A. M. Harrell .....	Rt. 2, Bernice, La.
Antioch—Mrs. R. H. Trussell .....	Rt. 2, Simsboro, La.
Arcadia—Mrs. Loyd Stewart .....	Arcadia, La.
Bernice—Mrs. Ed. Hollis .....	Bernice, La.
Dubach—Mrs. J. P. McCallum .....	Dubach, La.
Hilly—Mrs. V. C. Larence .....	Hilly, La.
Simsboro—Mrs. J. O. Dillon .....	Simsboro, La.
Summerfield—Mrs. C. V. Palmer .....	Summerfield, La.

## SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

### Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Rodessa, La.

Societies—Presidents	Addresses
Belcher—Mrs. Eugene Stephens .....	Belcher, La.

Gilliam—Mrs. A. L. Vaughan .....	Gilliam, La.
Hosston—Mrs. A. B. McKinney .....	Hosston, La.
Ida—Mrs. D. B. Chandler .....	Ida, La.
Mooringsport—Mrs. John L. Sharp .....	Mooringsport, La.
Munnerlyn Chapel—Mrs. Millie Wysinger .....	Mira, La.
Oil City—Mrs. Rex Squyres .....	Oil City, La.
Rodessa—Mrs. E. A. Mosely .....	Rodessa, La.
Vivian—Mrs. John Brown .....	Vivian, La.

**Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. T. H. Lawrence, Haughton, La.**

Benton—Mrs. D. H. Stinson .....	Benton, La.
Doyline—Mrs. C. W. Thompson .....	Doyline, La.
Haughton—Mrs. J. T. Little .....	Haughton, La.
Plain Dealing—Mrs. M. R. Bolinger .....	Plain Dealing, La.

**Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. W. L. Gilmer, Stonewall, La.**

Grand Cane—Mrs. C. C. Payne .....	Grand Cane, La.
Keithville—Mrs. J. O. Hendrick .....	Keithville, La.
Logansport—Mrs. J. R. Cromwell .....	Logansport, La.
Longstreet—Mrs. Felix Luttrell .....	Longstreet, La.
Stonewall—Mrs. W. L. Gilmer .....	Stonewall, La.
Summer Grove—Mrs. W. L. Fridge .....	Rt. 1, Keithville, La.

**Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. H. H. Morris, Zwolle, La.**

Coushatta—Mrs. Henry Bethard .....	Coushatta, La.
East Point—Mrs. A. A. Cobb, Sr. ....	Rt. 1, Coushatta, La.
Mansfield—Mrs. A. W. Moore .....	Mansfield, La.
Mitchell—Mrs. Florence Sistrunk .....	Mitchell, La.
Pelican—Mrs. F. N. Breazeale .....	Pelican, La.
Pleasant Hill—Miss Susie Haynes .....	Pleasant Hill, La.
Zwolle—Mrs. O. L. Salter .....	Zwolle, La.

**Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. W. A. Barnell, 111 Archer St., Shreveport La.**

Bethany—Mrs. Gilbert Morris .....	Bethany, La.
Bossier City—Mrs. O. L. Watkins .....	206 Adair St., Bossier City, La.
Curtis Park—Mrs. C. F. Innis .....	1115 Gibbons Court, Bossier City, La.
Greenwood—Mrs. J. B. Collins .....	Greenwood, La.
Shreveport, 1st—Mrs. E. E. Stewart .....	254 Forest Ave., Shreveport, La.
Broadmoor—Mrs. W. A. Barnwell .....	111 Archer St., Shreveport, La.
Caddo Hgts.—Miss Georgie Holmes .....	4203 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport
Cedar Grove—Mrs. Chas. Ault .....	6506 Tulsa St., Shreveport, La.
Mangum Memorial—Mrs. Harry Lee .....	2743 Darien St., Shreveport, La.
Noel Memorial—Mrs. John A. Dixon .....	2959 Quinton St., Shreveport
Park Ave.—Mrs. H. R. Norris .....	2900 W. Caperton St., Shreveport, La.
Wynn Memorial—Mrs. R. C. Gangwer .....	2515 Coral St., Shreveport



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